

# Purity, Marriage, Dating and Sex Resources

## 1. General Books on Purity and Sex

- *Teens and Sex: How Should We Teach Them* by Paul David Tripp

This is a very good pamphlet from CCEF (we sell in our church bookstore). It mostly covers why we should teach our teens about sex with big picture ideas about how we should teach them.

- *The Genesis of Sex* by O Palmer Robertson

A solid biblical look at sexual relationships in the book of Genesis – pretty much covers them all!! Sets up a basic framework for a biblical and godly view of sex.

- *Sex is Not the Problem (Lust is): Sexual Purity in a Sex Saturated World* by Joshua Harris

Another good book on sexual purity – something parents may want to read to consider where their kids are. May be an opening for discussion.

- *The God of Sex* by Peter Jones

For the sake of our young people, for the sake of our churches, for the sake of society and our world, Christians must understand the connection of spirituality and sexuality if we are to communicate relevantly to our postmodern culture. Jones gives an honest appraisal of contemporary sexual trends and puts them up against God's clear (and beautiful) design for sex as a spiritual expression.

- *Sex and the Supremacy of Christ* by John Piper

"This book is a glorious start to forming a Christian mind that expresses delight in God's gift of marital intimacy—a Christian mind that so desires to delight in that which God delights in that it revels in rejecting the cheap substitutes pawned off on this passing age as true pleasure. Instead, it only finds satisfaction in what is purest and highest and noblest and best." —J. Ligon Duncan III, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS.

## 2. Books on Dating or Finding a Marriage Partner:

You may not agree with everything in these books but that is not what is important. What is important is that you consider what is said and think through what you and your teen are doing.

- *5 Paths to the Love of Your Life* edited by Alex Chediak

"Dating is an issue of Christian controversy--and for good reason. This fascinating new book brings together some of the most important thinkers and writers on this issue, producing a dialogue that will stretch the mind and encourage Christian thinking. Read this book--it's sure to become a focus of much conversation." -- R. Albert Mohler, Jr., president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Read and pray about: *The Counter-Cultural Approach* by Lauren Winner; *The Courtship Approach* by Douglas Wilson; *The Principled Approach* by Rick Holland; *The Betrothal Approach* by Jonathan Lindvall; *The Purposed Approach* by Jeramy and Jerusha Clark.

- *Passion and Purity* by Elisabeth Elliott

Classic! An honest and practical book that addresses real questions and concerns of single men and women. I have not read this since I was single and remember vaguely some things may not be suitable for some ages. Please look at yourself before sharing with your kids.

- *Dating by the Book* by Matt Brinkley

An excellent workbook to work through with your young person that has much to consider and think through.