



Christian Voices for Life

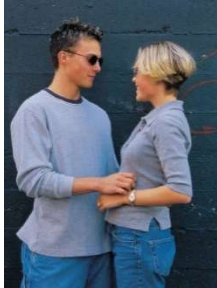
Weekly Pro-Life

Education

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Do Your Children Know the Truth about Sex?



Education: Why do most abortions occur? 87% of abortions are done on unmarried women. (1) In order to end abortion, we need to address the cultural acceptance of sex outside of marriage. Our society is lying to us by telling us that sexual is about satisfying natural pleasures, and is no big deal. But letting ourselves be ruled by our desires is not healthy for sex any more than it is for eating or drinking. Self-control is freedom because we can choose what to act on – and do what we know is best for our long term happiness. Sex IS a big deal – it forms a

powerful bond, which helps parents stay together for the long process of rearing children. (2) But if the bonding power is disrupted by sex before marriage with 2 or more people there is a 5 X higher percentage of divorce (25 - 30% will divorce in 5 yrs vs 5% if no sex before marriage). (3) The fact is that sex before marriage leads to more single mothers, more children without fathers, increased poverty, and even instability and violence. (4)

Contraception is not the answer – it gives a sense of security, leading to a higher likelihood for sex to happen. But it cannot be relied on. Among 31 million women at risk for an unintended pregnancy, 45% used either condoms or pills, with failure rates of 13% and 6%. (5, 6). That extrapolates to over a million women getting pregnant just among those using those 2 methods. About half of women getting abortions reported using contraception the month prior to getting pregnant.(7)

Most of the above material was taken from “The Four Big Lies”, one of the 12 videos in the Life Action series, *The Truth about Sex*. Each video is 10 – 25 minutes long. Parents who are serious about giving their children valuable and truthful education about sex would be well advised to use these videos.

1. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/ss/ss7209a1.htm#T7_down
2. <https://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/parenting/parenting-challenges/sexual-wholeness/hooked-the-bonding-power-of-sex/>
3. <https://ifstudies.org/blog/counterintuitive-trends-in-the-link-between-premarital-sex-and-marital-stability/>
4. <https://www.liveaction.org/the-truth-about-sex/>
5. [https://www.contraceptionjournal.org/article/S0010-7824\(17\)30478-X/fulltext](https://www.contraceptionjournal.org/article/S0010-7824(17)30478-X/fulltext)
6. <https://www.guttmacher.org/journals/psrh/2017/02/contraceptive-failure-united-states-estimates-2006-2010-national-survey-family>
7. <https://www.guttmacher.org/news-release/2018/about-half-us-abortion-patients-report-using-contraception-month-they-became>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help parents to be aware of the lies being conveyed by the popular media that children are so widely exposed to. Give them the wisdom and courage to combat the powerful influence of society by teaching their children your beautiful plan for sex within marriage, as well as the serious risks of long term negative consequences of sex before marriage. Help them find the resources they need to effectively convey that virginity before marriage is the best choice for themselves and for a future marriage.



Action: Discuss with fellow parents how the messages being conveyed by so much of the media about the acceptability of casual sex and lack of consequences is so harmful to our children. In addition to movies, TV and magazines, cell phones are a frequent path to the internet. Share with them the value of “The Truth about Sex” series. DefendYoungMinds.org is also a valuable resource to help protect children from pornography, which is being marketed specifically toward young children.