

"Morals" Bad Dates Great Mates Series Pastor Mark 3.5.23

Philippians 1:10

- 1) MORALS matters to God
  - Jeremiah 6:15
  - Ephesians 5:3
- 2) INTIMACY matters to God
  - 1 Corinthians 6:16
  - 3 practical thoughts on pre-marital sex:
    - No matter what you learned in 8<sup>th</sup> grade sex education, you **<u>CAN'T</u>** have safe sex outside of marriage.
    - Pre-marital sex reduces a HOLY GIFT FROM GOD to just an act.
    - If you're a Christ-follower & you engage in pre-marital sex, you're setting a pattern of **COMPROMISE**.
  - What happens when there's tension in a marriage?
    - With no strings attached, **JOYFULLY** give your spouse what your spouse desires.
    - You give your spouse <u>MORE</u> of what your spouse desires, & your spouse is going to give you <u>MORE</u> of what you desire.
- 3) HOLINESS matters to God
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7
  - Why should we live a holy life?
    - A. If you live a holy life, you're honoring your **<u>SPOUSE</u>**.
    - B. If you've already messed up, then **<u>START NOW</u>** & move **<u>FORWARD</u>**.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:17