

## Couples In Bloom – Economics of Intimacy

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**How is the economy of your intimacy?** Here is some expert economic advice for marital intimacy from God, the author of intimacy. **The Christian's first love is Jesus Christ**, their eternal Bridegroom. Those married then love their spouse the way God loves them. Read these Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to minister life to you through them.

**What we value with our free will directs our life:**

- Proverbs 23:7 ⇒ “For as he reasons in his heart, so is he”.
- Luke 12:34 ⇒ “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- Matthew 12:34 ⇒ “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

**What we de-value with our free will directs our life:**

- Matthew 7:6 ⇒ “... nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and tear you.”
- Proverbs 5:16-20 ⇒ “... let them be only your own, and not strangers' with you. ... let her breasts satisfy you at all times, and be ravished always with her love. ... why be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?”
- 1 Corinthians 10:8-10 ⇒ “... some of them fornicated, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. ... some of them also tempted Him and were destroyed by serpents. ... some of them also murmured and were destroyed by the destroyer.”

**God is about valuing and not about de-valuing:**

- John 10:10 ⇒ “The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”
- 1 Kings 3:16-27 ⇒ “...give her the living child, and in no way kill it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours; divide it!...”
- Matthew 19:7-8 ⇒ “They said to Him, Why did Moses then command to give a bill of divorce and to put her away? He said to them, Because of your hard-heartedness Moses allowed you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so.”

**Marriage is about valuing and not about de-valuing:**

- 1 Corinthians 7:3 ⇒ “Let the husband give to the wife proper kindness, and likewise the wife also to the husband.”
- Isaiah 62:5 ⇒ “... as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so will your God rejoice over you.”
- Revelation 21:2 ⇒ “And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband.”

Scripture frequently cross references between relationship with God and marriage on earth. The physical, emotional and spiritual design of husband and wife is intentionally patterned from the relationship God wants with people, who are meant to be His Bride.

**Value is useless unless it is understood. Invest** in understanding the Lover of our soul, and then **take costly action**. This is precisely what He did for us, and is what **richly blessed** spouses to do for each other. This pleases God as well. ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone