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Scripture is replete in describing virginity; study it, but it is not the focus here. Beyond *preparation* for intimacy is *living* in intimacy. Past the *keeping* of oneself is the *giving* of oneself. God does not merely sanctify Christians *from*; He sanctifies Christians *to*. This is so important yet problematically receives a mere fraction of the reverence associated with virginity. This is **not** about some romantic idea list, either! So what **is** “**above virginity**”?

Highly prioritizing virginity without equally categorizing what it is *for* is hypocrisy: it is inconsistent (even religiosity) to be diligent in planning yet lax in executing the plan. As the word *virgin* means *separate* God made the hymen to anatomically picture this. Consummated marriage penetrates through it, transitioning *from* protected solitude *to* **exclusive yet abandoned exposure**. Biblically, this offering process is called: **oblation**.

Oblation is **above virginity**, and means: **anything offered or presented in worship or sacred service; an offering; a sacrifice**. **Oblation is a highly misused word**, so we need to **renew our minds with truth**: the need for **oblativity** (sic) to follow **virginity** in marriage is **chronic**. The Bible reveals marriage as the earthly picture of our relationship with God ⇒ Ephesians 5:31-32; Isaiah 62:3-5. So, what does **oblativity** look like in a marriage??

First realize what virginity means to a marriage, even if you did not have this blessing yourself. Satan works against good because God authors good, including virginity. The many and enduring blessings of virginity include prevention of accusation from the devil in life. Another blessing is the unmatched ministry in the giving of the gift of virginity to a spouse... unique and very deep. Spiritually, no one is a virgin ⇒ Romans 3:10-18; Isaiah 59:1-4; Hosea. How **undeservedly beautiful** and **holy** is God and His love for us!

Once we own this sobering place, we have **the context oblativity** requires: **virginity is only the beginning!** It is **not** an end unto itself, as the world mistakenly says it is. There is a God-intended awesomeness that **dwarfs** virginity in magnitude and direction. Although we only ever worship God, realize marital **oblativity** is patterned from the ultimate intensity and exclusivity of worship. Besides the obvious such as one man for one woman ⇒ Genesis 2:24, **oblativity** is intentionally addictive infatuation... and holy!

The only similar characteristic between virginity and marital **oblativity** is exclusivity: virginity exclusively allows no one, and marital **oblativity** exclusively allows only one. In every other aspect, marital **oblativity** fulfills everything that virginity withheld. This is why ⇒ Ephesians 5:25 says, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it”, and ⇒ 1 Peter 3:6 says “Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters you are, as long as you do well, and are not afraid with any amazement (*literally*: falling down or flying away”)... intense, very good commands!

If you feel you cannot handle these truths, begin building (more) intimacy in your relationship with God. 1 John 4:19 ⇒ receiving God’s love is how we reciprocate love back to Him. Then, we own the foundation to become a loving spouse on an earthly level. Virginity by itself is religiosity (outward duty with inward emptiness). God wants us to rise **above virginity** by fulfilling virginity’s actual relationship purpose: in **oblativity!** ♥