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**SPECIAL  
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INTEREST:**

- Men often give love for sex; women often give sex for love.
- Did you know that every time you have sex with a woman you are reaping what she has sown because it puts you in bodily contact with ALL those she has had sex with?
- Christian men are responsible before God to be the spiritual leaders in their relationships.

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# The Hard Questions

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## Answers to Life's Hard Questions— Are You Ready?

### Dear Joy,

**I'm a Christian man but now divorced. I loved my wife very much but she left me for someone else. My problem is women come onto me often and I usually weaken and have sex with them. I enjoy it at the time but I feel bad afterwards. What can I do?**

My first thought to you, "What can I do", is, stop what you're doing. I can hear your reply: "That sounds easy but if they want sex I'm happy to provide it." So let's look at the reasons why you feel badly afterwards and perhaps that may give you an incentive to change your behavior.

First, I don't know where you are when women "come onto you". You may be using dating sites and meeting them sight unseen; you may be meeting them at a bar; you may even be meeting them at Christian singles events. Different venues may bring different expectations. There's a saying that's been around for a long time and no one to attribute it to but it's true: Men often give love for sex; women often give sex for love.

These women who come unto you, I believe, are not looking for a one-night stand but they have bought into the deception that they have to have sex with a guy to interest him and to keep him. Your experience disproves this deception because you are flitting from woman to woman like a bee flits from



flower to flower. You enjoy the momentary sexual pleasure but then feel badly afterwards and lose interest in the women.

Let's examine why that happens. You stated you're a Christian then you should know and respect the Word of God. In 1 Corinthians 6:14-16 it says, "By His power God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh.'" In verses 18-20: "Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits outside his body, but he who sins sexually

own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

Upon marrying your wife this Scripture applied: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24) In the same way according to 1 Corinthians 6:16, having sexual intercourse with someone other than your wife (not necessarily a paid prostitute but a woman who is prostituting herself by exchanging sex, for love? For release?) you have essentially become one flesh with her. The results of this act are staggering even in our day of contraception and casual sex. Consider the possibilities: producing another life, which you are duty-bound to support but which so many times becomes a fatherless child; sexually transmitted diseases some which can sterilize a woman and many that are now resistant to medical treatment—genital herpes, for one; guilt-ridden people who try method after method to relieve their guilt, some becoming





*When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now.*

C.S. Lewis

*For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*

Ephesians 5:31

criminals in the process as they sear their conscience.

Which outcome do you choose? Because you are more than likely to obtain at least one—we already know you are full of guilt—that bad feeling. But one of the others may be close behind. It is probably by the grace of a loving God that you haven't experienced the other two. This "bad" feeling is your wake up call from your Heavenly Father. Did you know that every time you have sex with a woman you are reaping what she has sown because it puts you in bodily contact with ALL those she has had sex with. This is how STDs are transmitted. Did you know that many times an STD can be lurking in a woman's body for a period of time without her knowledge? Whether she's aware of it or not, it can still be transmitted to her partner.

I need to add here that, although the Scripture refers to a sexually involved male, it applies as well to sexually involved females who can experience all the consequences listed here. But for her the consequences can be even more devastating as she, if a pregnancy results, may be left alone to raise the child (or children) without a father or monetary support. I have worked with teen mothers and know the difficulties and heartaches they encounter. Low income, difficulty finding good day care, lack of transportation—carrying a baby and keeping track of a toddler on public transportation can be a nightmare. On top of all this, there is the distinct possibility of an STD causing infertility and if not that a disease that needs to be disclosed to future partners.

You may say to me, "None of this has happened to me so far, so it may not. I just want to get rid of the bad feelings." It's important to you as a professing Christian to face your responsibilities in this area. You say

you weaken and end up having casual sex with different women. Did you know that you as the man have a bigger responsibility to these women than they to you? Christian men are responsible before God to be the spiritual leaders in their relationships. Perhaps that's why your first marriage failed, I don't know. As a spiritual leader you are to treat women as though they were your sisters—they are your sisters in Christ if they're believers, too. As it says in I Timothy 5:1, 2; "Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity."

You may think this is a tall order and too hard for any red-blooded young man. Doesn't matter. Do you want a right relationship with Christ or not? That's what matters. The guilt you are experiencing is God's mercy extended to you to help you look to Him for your strength: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) I promise you, you can't do this without God's help. He alone has the answer for you. You have established a pattern that has become a habit. You need to break this habit but not by stopping what you're doing but by replacing it with a God-approved activity. You are lonely, by yourself, and therefore vulnerable to temptation. The best way to deal with loneliness and self pity is to reach out with a helping hand to others. A suggestion: volunteer when you're not working. All kinds of places need volunteers. You will find people with more difficult problems than you. As you look to God for your strength and help and confess your sins, you will need to cease your sinning against Him and become the spiritual leader He can use: in the church, in your family, in your work. Try it! You'll find blessings beyond anything you have ever imagined.

## Resources & Info

### Web Sites / Articles:

[\*Christian Men—Building one another up into His image of us\*](#)

[\*Divorce Hope\*](#)

### Books:

*Don't Date Naked* by Michael & Amy Smalley

*Sex & the Supremacy of Christ* by John Pope & Justin Taylor

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Sometimes you come up with really hard, tough questions that you don't have the answers to.

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## Just for Fun

My wife and I were having a very hypothetical discussion: In the unlikely event that Hollywood made a movie based on our lives, we wondered what stars would play us.

"Who would you pick to portray you?" she asked me.

I thought about it for a minute, then answered, "Dennis Quaid."

"In that case," she said, "I'll play myself."

Amore 

*My wife Mary & I have been married for 47 years and not once have we had an argument serious enough to consider divorce; murder, yes, but divorce, never.*

