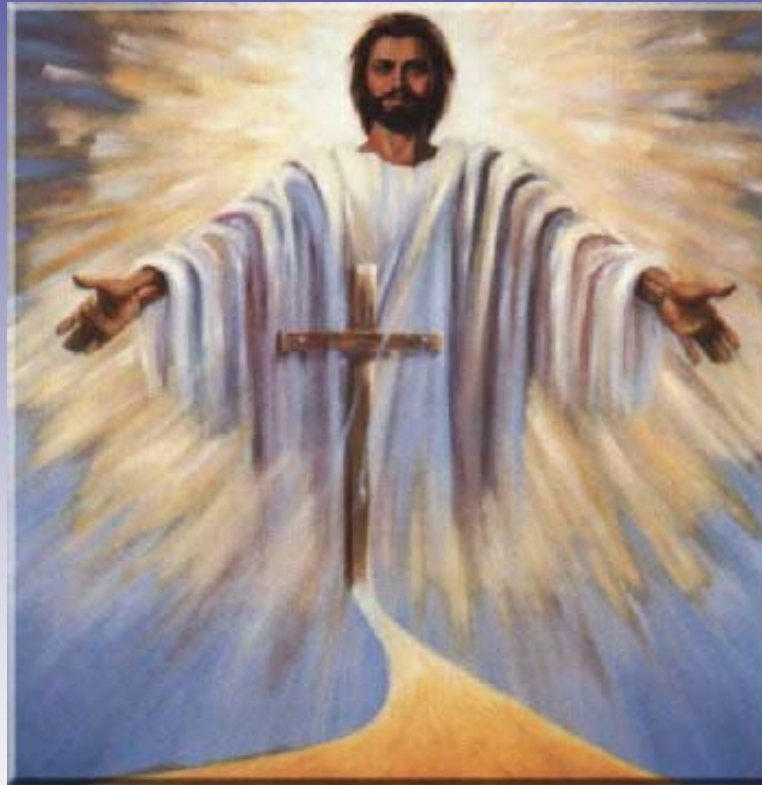


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I Thessalonians 4:3-7 (Amplified)

**“For this is the will of God, that you should be consecrated
(separated and set apart for pure and holy living):
that you should abstain and shrink from all sexual vice.”**

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Current Divorce Rates

- 1st marriages = 55% divorced
- 2nd marriages = 65% divorced
- 3rd marriages = 87% divorced
- 4th + marriages = 93% divorced

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Shortcomings Of The Dating Process

- People are forced into playing a masquerading game
- People often have sex before they even become friends
- Engagements can become trial marriages that last for years

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Benefits of Courtship & Relating Without Dating

- Its all about becoming friends and building trust over time
- Time is spent in Christian group activities with other friends
- The two people don't confuse themselves or each other
- The two people define good boundaries and respect them
- Courtship is God's plan for finding and keeping a mate

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Next Action Steps

- Learn everything you can about the courting process
- Complete a Bible-based Divorce Recovery Class
- Attend a Men's or Women's Lakewood 24-Hour Encounter
- Read your Bible daily and learn God's Word
- Pray to God and be patient for His answers
- Keep God in first place in your life especially after marriage

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