

### POWERLINE #3

s: when the storms of life toss you around, what do you have to hold onto?

hi, i'm shereen holier

d: and i'm dave clark, grab onto the powerline. some great music just ahead as we peak inside the female mind to discover what qualities girls look for in guys.

s: it could be dangerous. also we talk about sex before marriage. don't go away.

s: "hand on my heart." music from Petra.

d: we're glad you've joined us on powerline. i'm dave clark with shereen holier. this week, part two of our survey into mysteries of male/female attraction.

d: alright dave, i know it's gonna be hard but it's time you guys to zip your lips and open your ears because the girls are stepping up to the mic today. you guys might learn a thing or two about what ladies do or do not like about you.

d: we're listening:

girl 1: "some guys are quite disgusting, you must hear them"

girl 2: "cause we work with alot of guys cause all of us are waitresses."

the only thing they're looking for is one thing, and that's all."

d: how did that make you feel?

girl 3: because somtimes they just come up to you and ask you and you just stand there and do not know what to say.

girl 4: you must be funny and talkable. you musn't sit there all night and not know what to say. act normal, be yourself.

s: it's interesting to compare what the guys said last week to what we've just heard from the girls.

d: when you boil it down, girls and guys seem to look for the same basic qualities in eachother.

s: yeah, it would appear to be respect, a sense of humour, sencerity and care for how you look. most of the young people that we talked to ranked good looks below the qualities of sencerity and self respect.

d: well that's a healthy sign because the measure of a person's worth is more than skin deep.

s: next on powerline.

d: what is your attitude about having sex before marriage?

boy 1: it doesn't work.

s: we'll look at some reasons why.

girl 2: unwanted pregnancies ruin your life totally, even with schooling and everything. even if you do have it with safe sex and everything, it still makes you feel common.

girl 3: it's not right, it's not moral, it's not christian, it's not right.

boy 2: it doesn't work.

d: why?

boy 2: if the girl gets pregnant, most guys sould leave her.

girl 3: if they want to sleep together and be mature enough to handle sex before marriage they must be mature enough to carry the consequences.

girl 4: definately, there's alot of diseases now and the guy only speaks to you for that moment and after that you don't know and he goes to his buddies and tells them "yeah, you must try her, she will give it freely" or so on. so i think that after marriage is the best.

girl 5: they're messing up their lives but if they wanna do it, then that's fine.

d: in what way are they messing up their lives?

girl 5: i don't know, when they get married and they want everything to be special, after a while they probably won't have feelings for anybody, they'll just like go around.

boy 3: it's actually not worth it. it's actually, even though it's promoted, it's actually not worth it because of all the problems associated with after it because people don't realize the consequences. i think you have to take the consequences into account before you do anything.

you're listening to the powerline and the subject is sex before marriage. lisa bevil recalls the pressures she herself has faced in a song called "chaperone."

s: it sounds like she's emerged with her self respect intact. you know, "chaperone" is an interesting title for that song. it's not a word that you would hear used every day.

d: you know when i was growing up, a "chaperone" was someone who would accompany you places as a "protector" to make sure things went properly. a "chaperone" looked out for your best interests.

s: and lisa bevil draws a good picture in describing God that way. He wants to protect us from the things that can harm us not that sex is bad. after all, he invented it. Physical attraction is the fuel for pleasure and procreation, it's his idea. but

sex can be harmful when it's performed outside the bounds of what God intended.

d: and the bounds are clearly within marriage according to the Bible. Some of you may be wondering why this is so. one lad that i talked to knows an important reason:

boy 3: you're giving part of yourself away to somebody. it's not just an act or something fun, you're giving apart of yourself away and it's a very important part of your life, your spiritual life as well.

s: you know, he's right. unlike animals, which mate from purely a sense of instinct, humans can separate the emotional or spiritual bonding that accompanies sex.

d: this bonding of man and woman is part of God's design. it's not intended to be broken ever but once it is, as in the case of casual sexual relationships, emotional consequences can be devastating.

s: not to mention physical consequences like AIDS and other diseases.

d: i think you're right. Let me read you a letter from one man who is paying the price for the rest of his life. he says: "before my first marriage, i had sex with more women than i can remember, but i can't forget them either. when i make love with my own wife now, there are memories of others that intrude unwantedly"

s: and it's only natural. the man who wrote this letter clearly regrets his past. unfortunately you can't wipe out the emotional consequences or the memories and neither will his many previous sexual partners.

d: so remember that God has a plan for your life and sex is an important part of it.

s: sex is God's gift to you. for the emotional reason we've described and many others, it's best enjoyed within marriage. that's the only real safe sex there is.

d: by mistaking casual sex for a good thing, you actually rob yourself of the best sex that God intended and that's in the context of a lifelong committed relationship. true love waits.

d: "I'm committed to you," a great song from Steve Camp on powerline.

d: that's Andrew Ripp and "made for this." on powerline

d: peer pressure and sexual temptation top the list for teenage problems. in the midst of conflicting voices, we know that many young people would like help clarifying their values and learning how to take a stand. powerline is teamed up with true love waits to meet this need. hit us up on our website at the powerline.net. you can download a free copy and if you want to send a message to our wise guy and girls on any subject. that's the powerline.net. while there you can also grab a transcript of today's show and a free list of the music. hope to see you again next week, i'm dave clark for shereen holier.