the birds and the bees

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Part Two: Homosexuality

1 Thessalonians 4:2-8 (p. 836)

#1: History

Born gay? A predisposition does not change the moral or life implications.
Often three influences:

- Parent relationship, Abusive situations, Early sexualization

#2: Biology

- Higher rates of disease, depression, suicide
  The Homosexual Lifespan, Family Research Institute, Feb 14, 1992

- Shortened life span by 8 to 20 years LifeSiteNews.com, WASHINGTON, DC, June 6, 2005

#3: Society

The home is the cell of society and must remain healthy and reproducible.

#4: Desires

Hormone hurricanes can later turn into sunny skies.

#5: God

- Sexual sins produce a lifestyle that leads us away from God.
  Leviticus 18:22 (p. 84); Romans 1:21-28 (p. 796); Matthew 19:4-6 (p. 696); Genesis 2:24 (p. 2)

- God defines you by relationship, not sexuality.

- What Now?

  Not struggling:
  - Respond to a person's wounds, not just their behavior.

  Struggling:
  - Turn to the supernatural of Jesus, counseling, and accountability.

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Sex education begins at birth whether we intend it to or not. It is important with the prevalence of sexual content in society today that we become proactive in education of not only our children but also ourselves to the dangers of sexual immorality and its effects on us, our family, and generations to come. We have compiled a list of relative resources to help you in the battle.

Books Dealing with Sexual Purity

Every Man's Battle – Steve Arterburn
Every Woman's Battle – Steve Arterburn
Every Young Man's Battle – Steve Arterburn
Every Young Woman's Battle – Steve Arterburn
Out of the Shadows – Patrick Carnes
Shattered Vows – Debbie Laaser
Breaking Free – Russell Willingham
False Intimacy – Harry Schaumberg
Passion and Purity – Elizabeth Elliot
Sex and the Supremacy of Christ – John Piper
Addicted to Love – Stephen Arterburn
Addiction…Banquet at the Grave – Edward T. Welch
Untangling the Web: Sex, Porn and Fantasy Obsession – Robert Weiss, Jennifer Schneider

Helpful Websites

www.sexhelp.com
www.hopeandfreedom.com
www.xxxchurch.com

Filters and Accountability Software

www.bsafehome.com – filter
www.covenanteyes.com – accountability
www.accountable2you.com – free accountability
www.x3watch.com
www.wisechoice.net – filter/accountability
www.internetsafety.com

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