

What is your view on sex before marriage?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Sex belongs only in marriage and I am fine with that		50.9%	1,280
Sex only belongs in marriage but I find that hard to accept and live by		26.8%	675
Sex can belong in any loving and committed relationship		14.3%	359
It is OK to have sex before marriage		1.3%	32
I am not sure what I believe about this		6.7%	168
	Any additional comments?		351
		answered question	2,514
		skipped question	655

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1	if its fine for both parties as a loving couple.	Oct 22, 2012 3:34 PM
2	That doesn't mean it's easy.	Oct 18, 2012 1:15 PM
3	HOwever even christians I have met sometimes don't believe this	Sep 30, 2012 7:22 AM
4	I accept Gods standards but find it very hard to be in a relationship after having been married and resist temptation. I have been divorced for 5 years. God asked me to stop masturbating I have achieve 2 years of this. God desires purity, man its hard as I adore sex an intimacy. its a living daily sacrifice I trust he will bless my obedience to him. I have found on this site most people think its ok to have sex before marriage and actually condone it. its hard to find anyone on the site that hold to biblical truths which is very sad and a sign of the great apostatcy in Church teachings.	Sep 24, 2012 3:02 PM
5	Before my marriage broke down I would say sex only in marriage, but the breakdown was partly due to my husband and I not being compatible emotionally and sexually	Sep 22, 2012 9:18 AM
6	I think it depends who you are in a relationship with and what their views on this are. I think this is the most difficult issue when you are dating as it can be difficult to find someone who is willing to wait till you are in a relationship yet alone wait till marriage.	Sep 20, 2012 9:59 AM
7	Sex is brilliant.	Sep 18, 2012 8:15 AM
8	It takes strong commitment to God, patience, and also deep love and respect for someone to wait until marriage with someone.	Sep 13, 2012 7:34 PM
9	Because we are only human sometimes it can be hard especially if you believe you found love	Sep 12, 2012 2:03 PM
10	Any sexual encounter outside marriage has serious spiritual consequences if it is not repented of and cleansed because sex with someone forms a soul tie.	Sep 4, 2012 3:53 PM
11	Some people may be ready to have that sort of commitment outside marriage but I think one should only make that sort of commitment after getting married.	Sep 4, 2012 2:20 AM
12	i wish i was still a virgin. i now believe sex belongs only in marriage but had to find out the hard way	Sep 1, 2012 5:02 PM
13	I suppose waiting for marriage is ideal but is not right for everyone.	Sep 1, 2012 1:14 PM
14	Its difficult, as I have dted a couple of non christian who base their relationship on sex, its very difficult to not want it also, as unashamedly, I enjoy sex very much. I just do not want relationships where that is what is the dominant feature. I have dated 3 men in 9 years and that did not last past a couple of dates as, i found i was weak when it cam onto sex and so withdrew from the relationship. This time i am determined to do it my way and hence why i have joined christian Connections, hopefully finding a friend or relationship based on everything else but sex and especial sharing the same faith.	Aug 30, 2012 12:19 PM
15	For me sex Is for husband in wife u will enjoy it . But sex outside merriege is a sin	Aug 30, 2012 3:14 AM

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16	I have thought that as long as there is the long term commitment working towards marriage, then it would be ok, but as that did not work out, I felt I did not honour myself, God and that he did not either. So I now change my mind and find I am looking for a soul mate not a sex partner, although I admit passion and attraction are very, very important glue factors in keeping people together.	Aug 29, 2012 12:21 PM
17	I in't stick to this and bitterly regret it now.	Aug 29, 2012 12:17 PM
18	Speaking from experience, if you really want the Lord to be at the centre, you should wait. Its Biblical and for me, it destroyed the relationship.	Aug 28, 2012 10:14 AM
19	Going out with non christian and at the age of 42 i finally gave in. Not happy with self but thats how it is. I am leading a double life as my church leaders dont even know that I am back with him. When we spilt up the first time they were so happy - no awareness that I might be lonely just pleased it was over. there attituded made it easy for me to get back with him and they dont know. i wont take on leading in the church any more as i feel it is wrong but i cant tell anyone. he just thhinks it is funny. prob doesnt help his view of the church	Aug 28, 2012 4:15 AM
20	Do you mean total sex?	Aug 27, 2012 11:10 AM
21	Not been in a relationship so don't know whether would be hard to live by or not	Aug 26, 2012 4:32 AM
22	a challenge though.	Aug 25, 2012 10:20 AM
23	I beleive sex is for marriage but it's hard in reality	Aug 24, 2012 11:42 AM
24	But it's not easy	Aug 24, 2012 4:05 AM
25	sex belongs in marriage but it is hard to stick to that today	Aug 23, 2012 3:11 PM
26	I think the ideal is no sex before marriage and I would advocate that for most peopel but in as in everything I think individual circumstances and faith experience have to be taken into consideration.	Aug 23, 2012 2:17 AM
27	Outside marriage - problem for woman if relationship breaks up and she has got pregnant	Aug 22, 2012 3:25 PM
28	I have never had sex because I believe it is only for marriage, but that standpoint is not an easy one to uphold, particularly when other Christians advocate 'try before you buy' and other similar beliefs	Aug 21, 2012 9:33 AM
29	It is against GODS law , but i have been weak in the past	Aug 21, 2012 5:27 AM
30	I am not able to comment on this as i know what I believe now is not what I did before I became a Christian	Aug 17, 2012 12:59 AM
31	i had my children before i became a christian but now believe no sex before marriage	Aug 16, 2012 7:07 PM
32	This didn't use to be the case but i've learnt from the past	Aug 16, 2012 4:18 AM
33	but would prefur to marey	Aug 14, 2012 8:35 AM
34	I think it is unrealistic in modern times to abstain for 2/3 year period or more during a courtship	Aug 13, 2012 7:06 PM

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35	I've lived by that so far. I would have been very damaged had I not lived by that teaching!	Aug 12, 2012 10:43 AM
36	sametims I can t control my self	Aug 10, 2012 11:17 AM
37	If i was in a serious relationship i could see that could be a problem	Aug 8, 2012 12:40 PM
38	i used to have pre-marital sex but do not anymore i dont know if i am at the stage where i can give an honest ansewer	Aug 8, 2012 7:52 AM
39	I think it can be in a loving relationship but I personally would rather save it. I think the Church puts far too much emphasis on this issue but doesn't really talk about reasons which makes people feel guilty.	Aug 7, 2012 5:44 PM
40	Shame most guys don't agree with me!	Aug 7, 2012 2:03 PM
41	when you have been married and divorced it seems the boundaries on this area can become fuzzy	Aug 7, 2012 2:00 AM
42	For you to be "married" in the eyes of God, you do not have to be married according to the law of humans. If you are in a committed relationship and love each other that much, then sex should not be a problem.	Aug 5, 2012 7:14 PM
43	In fairness, being overweight makes this a lot easier. Nobody wants to sleep with me anyway! :)	Aug 5, 2012 3:11 PM
44	I have Christian friends who struggle with this	Aug 3, 2012 3:21 AM
45	I do not believe in sex before marriage but almost every man I have been in a relationship with has slept with someone before marriage or worries about the fact that they haven't slept with anyone. I have always ended up compromising physically in some way even though I have not actually had sex	Aug 1, 2012 4:20 PM
46	inc gay relationships	Jul 31, 2012 4:29 AM
47	i know its best not to as it can hurt us but i believe god forgives all sins but i am very cautious as someone told me if you have sex you take on the spirits of the other person so that scares me off very much but if a sins as bad as other sins are if we do it and repent its ok	Jul 30, 2012 2:18 PM
48	provided you have a committment to marriage	Jul 30, 2012 3:48 AM
49	It is difficult especially coming from a marrige or someone who has been in the world before, however God is able to change desires as we seek him. It can also be difficult as you meet another christian begins a relationship then reliase that this person does not share your views about waiting until marrige.	Jul 29, 2012 10:10 AM
50	Still waiting sadly	Jul 29, 2012 9:27 AM
51	Still waiting sadly	Jul 29, 2012 2:39 AM
52	Sex should only be part of marriage, but I can't say that I've stayed true to that in the past.	Jul 28, 2012 11:21 AM
53	As a Christian I want to abstain from sex before marriage	Jul 21, 2012 5:01 AM

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54	It only works to abstain if u are both committed to it. However, I would only consider it in a long term relationship.	Jul 21, 2012 4:28 AM
55	Strangely, I now think it's best to be celibate until first marriage. Now I would be happy to have sex before any further marriage.	Jul 19, 2012 7:25 AM
56	this issue can cause couples to split up, it's very serious.	Jul 18, 2012 10:00 AM
57	God made us sexual people but does not want us to abuse it. You marry someone spiritually when you have sex with them not when you get a piece of paper. Thats scriptual.	Jul 17, 2012 10:21 AM
58	This is the ideal and standard I believe set by God and I think this holds for Christians, but there are people who have different values and sleep together before marriage and then go onto have happy, faithful and loving marriages. I respect them, I do not judge them.	Jul 16, 2012 5:17 PM
59	My views are changing. I used to believe that sex in a committed relationship was ok but now I think i should wait.	Jul 16, 2012 2:31 PM
60	its others that dont take the same beleif that causes problems	Jul 16, 2012 11:22 AM
61	As regards the previous question. what people believe and what is taught are two distinct things. One may be taught that sex outside marriage is not acceptable but the listener may not BELIEVE this teaching. The question is ambiguous.	Jul 16, 2012 1:23 AM
62	I think it would by hypocritical for me to answer this	Jul 14, 2012 3:10 PM
63	I have found this more difficult in the past and it is difficult when you are seriously dating someone. You have to both strongly share that conviction!	Jul 13, 2012 1:33 PM
64	I waited in my first marriage and I think issues with waiting for years before then marrying (we were still only 24 when we married and 29 when we divorced) had a negative impact. I think it can be detrimental to wait too long as the relationship can then become more like a friendship only. The solution that many Christians take of marrying within five minutes is not something I would do to overcome this as once married it should be for life!	Jul 13, 2012 7:17 AM
65	If they are both on track to marry	Jul 13, 2012 12:37 AM
66	i think one thing for me and something else for others - not sure it would be right for me	Jul 12, 2012 1:54 PM
67	Again, my views would not be backed by the bible	Jul 12, 2012 1:37 PM
68	It's much better this way	Jul 12, 2012 9:10 AM
69	I struggle with lust/pornography	Jul 10, 2012 8:38 PM
70	DIDN'T ALWAYS FEEL THIS WAY BUT HAVE LEARNED NOT TO COMPROMISE THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD	Jul 10, 2012 8:59 AM
71	One of my big regrets is that my former husband and I had sex before we were married. We were young and it really set the standard for what was to come. I wouldn't make the the same mistake again!	Jul 10, 2012 3:45 AM
72	but I'm 50 now, it was different as a youngster	Jul 9, 2012 2:51 PM

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73	I accept and live by this belief but is still hard at times.	Jul 7, 2012 6:58 AM
74	however it's not possible to stay completely without some physical intimace when you are courting	Jul 6, 2012 2:55 AM
75	It is difficult to accept when you are pushing 50 plus and have not found a partner. It is difficult to trust God for a partner when there is no one around,	Jul 5, 2012 5:14 PM
76	The first statement is what every Christian aims for, many fall short but none of us is perfect...	Jul 5, 2012 12:06 PM
77	i think we'vebeenset up to fail	Jul 4, 2012 5:41 PM
78	before marriage it complicates alot of things	Jul 4, 2012 3:14 PM
79	I have refused to have sex because I do believe in sex within marriage BUT I'm not sure how I would act in another relationship	Jul 4, 2012 12:17 PM
80	This is for me at this age, having not had sexual intercourse but I don't know how far that has been out of a fear of intimacy rather than obedience or trust in God.	Jul 4, 2012 9:28 AM
81	Being divorced I have already experienced a loving sexual relationship within marriage. It is harder therefore to abstain if a new relationship develops.	Jul 4, 2012 8:39 AM
82	one may have ideals but turning them into rules can cause problems. OT and even NT marriages were not as legalistic and sex did take place after the couple were engaged. Originally a man took a woman into his tent and that meant he would be marrying her (Ruth and Boaz). Just because men and women can get away with not honouring this concept does not mean it invalidates it for everyone else. Putting the whole focus of being a Christian on sex is unhealthy as the focus is on helping others and doing our bit in life, not staying in with crossed legs, scared of being taken advantage of.	Jul 3, 2012 3:37 PM
83	i know that sex outside of a loving relationship is not ideal	Jul 3, 2012 1:31 PM
84	i have done things im not proud of in the past but now try to live by my answer	Jul 3, 2012 12:50 PM
85	if two people love each other of course they want to share the physcial side, so get married.	Jul 3, 2012 9:24 AM
86	I visited froends in St Helens at Christmas, and the SA officer preaching looked right at me while talking about the birth of Jesus and said "sex before marriage is wrong" - I felt that message was specifically for me as we had eye contact when she spoke....	Jul 3, 2012 8:35 AM
87	i believe what the bible says about this and i have never had full intercourse, but i find the middle ground extremely difficult and have slipped up in this area!	Jul 3, 2012 7:49 AM
88	Sex must go eith committment in the relatnship	Jul 3, 2012 1:55 AM
89	The church can be rather extreme with regard to its teaching on sex however I believe that a strong guideline needs to be set to deter too much irresponsible behaviour	Jul 3, 2012 1:43 AM
90	Me and my boyfriend find it difficult but try to avoid situations where it is	Jul 2, 2012 11:40 PM

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	difficult	
91	I'm questioning this as well as what is marriage	Jul 2, 2012 2:55 PM
92	A history of having suffered sexual abuse makes it even more complicated	Jul 2, 2012 2:18 PM
93	I was treated very badly in this area of my marriage	Jul 2, 2012 1:36 PM
94	saying this, i believe that but at 25 it is very difficult to keep that in practice, when i have come from a non christian background and have already had sex, its almost as if "i know what im missing" but i do understand why it is wrong and try my best to keep away from it ..but its difficult, VERY difficult	Jul 2, 2012 1:19 PM
95	previous question (32) poorly worded and impossible to answer!	Jul 2, 2012 12:55 PM
96	I did not stick to this belief due to peer pressure when younger but have always regretted it as the value of sex has been devalued for me.	Jul 2, 2012 12:16 PM
97	I assume by "sex" you mean going "all the way"?	Jul 2, 2012 12:15 PM
98	It's morally easier to take this view if there is no possibility of conceiving children, but even so the relationship needs to be a committed one	Jul 2, 2012 11:59 AM
99	This is an interesting list of options as it seems to me that most people who are not Christians believe that a high level of promiscuity is acceptable. I	Jul 2, 2012 10:51 AM
100	I totally agree sex is for marriage, still tempted by the flesh and relying on transformation by the HS	Jul 2, 2012 6:48 AM
101	Gets harder with every year	Jul 1, 2012 2:45 PM
102	Though the older I get the more difficult this becomes when non-christians want to date me and the more I find out that a lot of my peers though agreeing with no sex before marriage have been having sex. Further I have not been faced with the temptation that often so has been easier to avoid.	Jul 1, 2012 5:58 AM
103	i found that hard to live by and so I wouldn't judge others now.	Jun 29, 2012 12:42 PM
104	as a divorcee I have found some men wont consider a relationship with me because I have been married and had sex	Jun 28, 2012 3:37 PM
105	I find it hard but I do live by it... The response listed makes it sound as though because it's rd it can't be lived by.	Jun 28, 2012 1:14 PM
106	We have come v close. Our wedding is just under a year away. It's difficult to abstain - we decided not to have sex. But despite crossing some lines (repentance follows), we believe that if we didn't agree with sex before marriage, we might have broken up by now .	Jun 27, 2012 6:19 PM
107	I hav fallen short many times, to my shame - and would be great if I felt that I could talk to church leaders about this, but I really can't see this happening - they're well meaning, but judgemental	Jun 26, 2012 1:40 PM
108	I'm fine with it as a truth about God's best. I don't find it hard to live by or accept. So I am 'fine' with it in that sense. But it is not always easy in our over-sexualised society to hold onto the idea that it is God's best - that truth is vulnerable at times, hence again there needing to be discipline, and intimacy of other forms in relationships with friends.	Jun 26, 2012 12:15 PM

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109	IT IS HARD BUT GODS WAY	Jun 26, 2012 10:45 AM
110	However, having been single for a long time, temptation is a challenge, especially as many Christians seem to also struggle with this too!	Jun 25, 2012 3:35 PM
111	I have failed in this area and continue now to struggle but believe in no sex before marriage.	Jun 25, 2012 1:46 PM
112	I can see the benefits in restricting sex to marriage, but I also think it is piling a lot of pressure onto the wedding night. I also think that for those of us who became christians later in life, after having had loving monogamous relationships as a non-christian, it is slightly at odds with 'saving oneself for marriage". Ultimately, I think it is something for both parties in the couple to agree on.	Jun 22, 2012 3:53 PM
113	i have struggled with this in the past and have made my mistakes but have come to god to be forgiven for my sins and do his will not mine.	Jun 22, 2012 3:33 PM
114	Hard as it is, I believe this is what the Word of God teaches.	Jun 22, 2012 2:58 PM
115	i certainly see that sex within a marriage is the ideal but i know i have fallen short a number of times and think there God wouldn't want us to beat ourselves up about it.	Jun 22, 2012 11:35 AM
116	Maybe ok outside marriage when older and no kids involved	Jun 22, 2012 10:41 AM
117	what you believe and what you actually do is sometime different	Jun 21, 2012 9:03 PM
118	Having come to faith post marriage and now coming to dating second time around -it is a whole different way of being - how different it is to date as a christian who has had relationships before in the secular full on sexual context -scary and hard to live up to and understand!	Jun 21, 2012 3:14 PM
119	I ticked the first box as I totally accept it but struggle with temptation.	Jun 21, 2012 12:04 PM
120	God's word is clear on this - sex belongs in marriage and nowhere else.	Jun 21, 2012 9:56 AM
121	I would love to believe it is just for marriage, but sometimes there is no choice!	Jun 21, 2012 8:09 AM
122	Its hard to keep to this action; we need to be pastoral in our approach.	Jun 21, 2012 6:54 AM
123	difficult to explain this view, plus Sex is a significant part of a relationship, not knowing what it's like with partner before marriage can result in problems	Jun 21, 2012 6:36 AM
124	This is one thing i have really struggled with, before uni i believed no sex before marriage, but i have met people and been in situations which have changed my mind	Jun 20, 2012 4:15 PM
125	The options don't enable me to give a clear answer....I don't believe in sex outside of marriage, I find that very hard, but I remain a virgin and committed to God's way	Jun 20, 2012 1:08 PM
126	I am very torn - although at heart, it should belong to marriage.	Jun 20, 2012 10:52 AM
127	I only believe the above for those with a faith; for those without I would choose 'any loving and committed'; without faith it's not practical or possible to live by such strict rules.	Jun 20, 2012 8:36 AM

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128	What is your definition of sex?	Jun 20, 2012 8:36 AM
129	It's unclear, confusing.	Jun 20, 2012 8:28 AM
130	The Bible is clear we should only have sex with one person, however there are many other sins that we all commit on an almost daily basis, so why the fixation with this sin?	Jun 20, 2012 7:57 AM
131	Hate married people preaching about this, they can have sex anytime they want!!!	Jun 20, 2012 4:57 AM
132	I know this now.	Jun 20, 2012 2:20 AM
133	I had my children outside marriage. AT THE TIME, I DIDNT REALLY THINK I was doing anything wrong because I loved the person I was with.	Jun 19, 2012 3:08 PM
134	My view not my church's	Jun 19, 2012 2:34 PM
135	Am presently no where near the opportunity, but I would probably politely decline!	Jun 19, 2012 2:26 PM
136	Sex can be such a joyous thing but it seems to me that people are so often damaged by unloving sexual relationships. So important to get the communication and trust right before considering sex.	Jun 19, 2012 2:15 PM
137	This isn't always easy to live with but I do choose to live by it. I'm not sure what I think about people in long term committed relationships?	Jun 18, 2012 2:04 PM
138	I think that sex within marriage is the ideal.	Jun 18, 2012 8:37 AM
139	Again, the bible leaves no room for leeway. I believe that a gradual increase in the average age for marriage is creating more and more problems in this area - people are physically 'ready' for marriage for years before actually marrying, and inevitably that leads to struggles with sexual sin, whether single or in a romantic relationship. I do have some struggles in this area, like everyone else, but I have no difficulty accepting it's the truth, because it's in God's word - so I still chose the top answer.	Jun 17, 2012 5:26 PM
140	I accept it but don't find it easy	Jun 16, 2012 12:41 PM
141	that's why you need partner of same beliefs	Jun 16, 2012 8:28 AM
142	But it is hard to live by.....	Jun 15, 2012 3:11 AM
143	I have believed in No sex before marriage but I haven't stuck to it. I have slept with a few guys which I regret as they were both drunken mistakes and I believe I did this because it made me feel like I was loved and wanted even though afterwards it became apparent I wasn't	Jun 13, 2012 4:44 PM
144	the celibacy required by virtue of being single is difficult	Jun 13, 2012 2:49 PM
145	I agree with bible but loneliness and need for intimacy is strong	Jun 12, 2012 2:32 PM
146	but not in just any relationship! Otherwise it's the 'elephant in the room'- we focus too much on sex before marriage and not enough on centering our lives around God.	Jun 11, 2012 1:36 PM
147	It's very hard, no matter what you believe.	Jun 10, 2012 1:28 PM

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148	Not so much hard to accept - just hard to live by. But worth it	Jun 9, 2012 4:34 PM
149	Relationship means only the heterosexual type	Jun 9, 2012 6:07 AM
150	This may be hard for people to live by, but people must do their best to follow the 10 commandments.	Jun 8, 2012 3:54 PM
151	...this is my view now. I wasn't always as strong in my faith, however... :-)	Jun 8, 2012 2:11 AM
152	Depends on a lot of things.	Jun 7, 2012 11:03 PM
153	i understand why having one life parter, or at least not having sex with others is a good idea, as there is less likely to have jealousy or comparisons maybe	Jun 7, 2012 4:20 PM
154	I think circumstances can be considered in God's Grace. He wants us to be married but I think for a couple who are in genuinely in love and committed to each other they can be more faithful than some married couples, even though they may be Christian.	Jun 7, 2012 10:42 AM
155	intimacy before marriage is essential, but not necessarily penetrative sex	Jun 6, 2012 3:17 PM
156	I am only speaking personally, I do not really have a problem with committed relationships.	Jun 6, 2012 3:10 PM
157	'Sex' here mean 'consummated sexual relationship'	Jun 6, 2012 3:01 PM
158	I believe sex belongs in marriage because sex outside marriage is sin and this gives Satan authority in our lives. I was sexually active before I met the Lord and will endeavour to keep sex for the marriage bed, but I do know the Lord will forgive me, it is my choice to wait.	Jun 6, 2012 10:54 AM
159	but i also do not feel the need to judge anyone elses opinion!	Jun 6, 2012 9:38 AM
160	My views have changed just in the last few years	Jun 6, 2012 8:43 AM
161	Becomes increasingly difficult as you get older.	Jun 6, 2012 5:26 AM
162	I am in the closest relationship I have ever had and I a bit more like answer 2 sometimes	Jun 6, 2012 5:22 AM
163	I think it is wrong to presume Biblical ideal on 20th century life, not least as marriage is no longer organised for you by the time you are an early teenager	Jun 6, 2012 4:45 AM
164	Whilst I believe in my heart that sex is for marriage I have caved in but now really struggle with sexual temptation and am reminded frequently of Song of Solomon 2:7 "Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires"	Jun 6, 2012 3:37 AM
165	(I accept it, but it's hard to live with it)	Jun 6, 2012 1:55 AM
166	Especially difficult once married & divorced. Miss it.	Jun 6, 2012 12:03 AM
167	having been married and was a virgin, andvwe steuggled with sex dir 7 years. it caised the breakfown of my marriage. now i rhunk i will be too scared not to rest the waters before marriage!	Jun 5, 2012 11:32 PM
168	I accept the Bible's teaching of no sex outside marriage but can't keep to it.	Jun 5, 2012 3:37 PM

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169	I don't know any more. Divorce is crippling financially and therefore is an impediment to marriage	Jun 5, 2012 2:46 PM
170	Marriage was originally defined by its consummation, not by the ceremony!	Jun 5, 2012 1:58 PM
171	I believe we are created sexual and it's OK to use vibrators to ease the sexual tension that can build up whilst abstaining.	Jun 5, 2012 1:49 PM
172	sometimes I now regret this stance.	Jun 5, 2012 1:30 PM
173	But it may be harder if I was in a relationship.	Jun 5, 2012 1:24 PM
174	I've been celibate for over nine years so my answer is retrospective.	Jun 5, 2012 12:46 PM
175	I think avoiding sex is a practical consideration to protect feelings - when we hvae sex we get more involved, so avoiding sex would help us to avoid heartache .. but the sex drive is very powerful. I think the Church in the West is hung up on sex. In the Caribbean they worry more about covetousness - which doesn't bother us.	Jun 5, 2012 11:27 AM
176	Ok I know what it says in the bible, but I believe that we are free- as in Galations 3	Jun 5, 2012 11:13 AM
177	I haven't had sex for over 14yrs but it has not been easy.	Jun 5, 2012 11:09 AM
178	What scripture says this?	Jun 5, 2012 10:56 AM
179	Its not easy though	Jun 5, 2012 10:40 AM
180	Though I would say that when you are with someone for a long time it is hard to keep to this, especially when you've already been married!!!	Jun 5, 2012 10:36 AM
181	I accept it and firmly believe it, however it is hard to establish boundaries and stick to them rigidly!	Jun 5, 2012 10:33 AM
182	It's Difficult. We are not children anymore. And having known THAT closeness, it's hard. Howeevr, I HAVE GOOD intentions of Getting EVERYTHING RIGHT One Day when the TIME comes, to Meet a man and Think YES -- AND KNOW its WORTH the Wait. I am Ever Hopeful that God's PLAN will be MY EXPERIENCE.	Jun 4, 2012 8:11 PM
183	also, question 32 didnt make sense.....	Jun 4, 2012 2:02 PM
184	For Q34 below, I don't think that a 1 to 10 scale does the question justice, it would be better to explore the reasons why (but I haven't seen the next page yet, so maybe that has more)	Jun 4, 2012 11:22 AM
185	Dificult to understand how any Christian can answer anything other than the top response here	Jun 3, 2012 1:15 PM
186	I spent 40 years believing that sex belongs only in marriage butt hav become less sure of this in the past 5 years.	Jun 3, 2012 6:13 AM
187	I really don't k ow anymore! I am 35 and haven't had sex but am wondering what I would do now in a commuted relationship. I definitely think it is supposed to be in the context of a loving committed relationship. But I also find it hard to believe that as sexual beings it would be gods plan that I'm still a virgin of I'm single at 65....	Jun 2, 2012 2:31 AM

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188	I find this difficult, I want to believe sex is onl for marriage but in reality I think loving and committed relationships are still worthy	Jun 1, 2012 1:24 AM
189	I agree with this, but I'm definitely not sinless in this area!	May 31, 2012 3:57 PM
190	Sex before marriage is described as fornication by the church, but I am not convinced fornication actually means that. I think there is more to this and would need a great deal of study. However, following the Biblical principles, there should be an agreement to marriage e.g. marriage licence, before the actual marriage takes place between the husband and wife.	May 30, 2012 3:43 PM
191	I have failed at this in the past, leading to guilt and shame - which is also unhelpful, not believing God can forgive my transgression.	May 30, 2012 1:44 PM
192	However, I accept that this is not true for non Christians and some Christians find it hard	May 29, 2012 1:05 PM
193	My last two relationship broke up because the guys wanted sex before marraige	May 29, 2012 12:17 PM
194	i will do no 1 but no 2 question is also relavent	May 28, 2012 1:55 PM
195	I believe for myself and for Christians, sex belongs in marriage, but for my non-Christian friends, that's a bit of a high bar to stick to, and would encourage them to be in a committed relationship rather than just casual partners	May 28, 2012 2:07 AM
196	I find this easy to accept, not always easy to live by.	May 25, 2012 1:35 PM
197	I am a virgin, but would love to have been able to have sex.	May 25, 2012 10:18 AM
198	Obviously like many men, lust can be an issue	May 25, 2012 7:11 AM
199	Once you've dated worldly, you have your moments when you crave intimacy & your hormones become to much to handle & don't know how to deal with this at the moment.	May 25, 2012 3:57 AM
200	Bible is very clear, hard, sure. achievable with God... yes	May 24, 2012 3:18 PM
201	This is my view for Christians, I don't think I can impose this view on people who don't have a Christian faith and worldview.	May 24, 2012 2:48 PM
202	Being a celibate christian is far from easy and not exactly a popular choice	May 24, 2012 3:37 AM
203	but i would find it hard as past relationships	May 23, 2012 11:29 AM
204	You can't expect people who are not Christians to liv e according to what the bible teaches	May 22, 2012 12:32 PM
205	Only in a LOVING marriage... ;-)	May 22, 2012 8:43 AM
206	Whilst I believe this, I accept that this may be very difficult to live out in the context of current society.	May 20, 2012 12:14 PM
207	In practise, Christian dating by the book appears pretty impossible, although I would strive to live the way God asks me to in this area.	May 20, 2012 8:36 AM
208	Difficult to decide on the circumstance at the time. We are human and apart	May 18, 2012 8:59 PM

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	of nature. Sometimes your lied, used to by potential partner. Which is not fair, but morals and who you are friends with is also a factor. Need know the person well enough to take though steps when it comes to having a sexual relationship. Also attraction and compatible is a factor.	
209	It does belong within marriage - it's so difficult though	May 17, 2012 1:15 PM
210	I waited when I got married before and have always regretted that. I would need to experience that with someone before I committed to marrying them.	May 17, 2012 1:14 PM
211	As I get more attention from non-Christians, it is very hard to live by this principle, even though I have never been in love, you get carried away with the attention.	May 17, 2012 4:13 AM
212	My church regularly has a marriage course. Although I have never attended it, some parts of it that the vicar has mentioned in other situations have been very helpful!	May 16, 2012 8:21 AM
213	sex does belong in marriage but its an ideal, too high i believe really. I have not met a single christian yet who has stuck to it	May 15, 2012 1:02 PM
214	Some of us have been taught this dogmatically since childhood, but as one gets older and sees the imperfections in the world, you wonder if what we have been taught is the correct way to interpret scripture in todays culture.	May 15, 2012 11:44 AM
215	what you've never known you've never missed	May 15, 2012 5:07 AM
216	I don't think it is a black and white subject.	May 15, 2012 1:37 AM
217	soul ties	May 14, 2012 6:41 PM
218	I have only had relationships with non Christians and as they don't believe the same it has resulted in the break ups	May 14, 2012 12:49 PM
219	Sex had been a significant drive in my younger life and I found it very hard to live by the no sex before marriage rule.	May 14, 2012 12:09 PM
220	accepting and remaining chaste can be challenging, but when both are resolute its easy!	May 14, 2012 10:12 AM
221	irefer to gay couples	May 14, 2012 9:01 AM
222	Ideally best within marriage	May 14, 2012 4:01 AM
223	Its a physical normal temptation which I struggle with a lot	May 13, 2012 11:55 PM
224	But this only applies to Christians	May 13, 2012 2:04 PM
225	I understand through my own experience why sex before marriage is not encouraged.	May 13, 2012 1:25 PM
226	Its hard when you've had a sex life before coming a Christian then to stop	May 12, 2012 3:55 PM
227	Try getting the man to go along with that... see what I mean about the miracle life has changed so much...so it is a stumbling block...but at least if both Christians maybe one can debate ior argue the point on a level playing field so do not fall out!	May 12, 2012 9:05 AM

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228	I think when you are in a serious relationship and planning to marry it could be difficult to avoid. it could	May 12, 2012 8:49 AM
229	I have been able to handle this, but not everybody can, Notan excuse though.Chastity has many rewards!	May 12, 2012 5:41 AM
230	If one is going to go out with non christians then there have to be compromises	May 12, 2012 5:40 AM
231	It's not an easy thing to live out but I do believe it is for our own protection emotionally. I would want to talk in depth about it to a fiancé though. I was v naive when I got married, the sex was disappointing in both frequency and quality and I would not want it to be like that again.	May 11, 2012 2:16 PM
232	It's difficult when the media and the world shoves sex in your face all the time, but we as Christians should not give into temptation	May 11, 2012 2:14 PM
233	Having only had one sexual relationship - and that with someone who cheated on me - I regret my misplaced faithfulness.	May 11, 2012 9:37 AM
234	What do you do for sex? Stick it up a vacuum cleaner???	May 10, 2012 4:05 PM
235	It belongs only in marriage and that is the best way, but it can feel like a challenge.	May 10, 2012 2:32 PM
236	God has taught me stuff on this and my only other comment would be that it is important to set boundaries to keep you from getting too close to the edge. I have known people struggle to believe any Christians on any topic because they had friends who said they were Christians and were sleeping together	May 10, 2012 12:06 PM
237	I believe sex is best in marriage. When I was 20, it was easy to stick to that. In my 30s, it's harder.	May 10, 2012 7:27 AM
238	The boundaries of what Sex is makes not having sex before marriage a hard concept to define. I am waiting for marriage but have done other things.	May 10, 2012 7:20 AM
239	I know what is true and am able to live by it, but the trial often comes when you meet someone who does not feel the same way.	May 10, 2012 4:09 AM
240	I did and massively regret it.	May 9, 2012 1:00 PM
241	Have not always felt that though	May 9, 2012 10:36 AM
242	Its a hard topic and something i have struggled with in the past but in my future relationships i will be sticking to God not compromising him for sex	May 9, 2012 7:46 AM
243	I do believe that but it's still hard in practise	May 9, 2012 4:07 AM
244	It gets difficult though if your other half doesn't feel as strongly about this though	May 8, 2012 1:52 PM
245	I believe in marriage only but in practice and taking into account you were a non christian before and have had sex and you are with someone that sends the adrenaline through the roof....well, it's virtually impossible.	May 8, 2012 12:35 PM
246	I've been celibate since I had my daughter but miss sex.	May 8, 2012 11:45 AM
247	SOMETIMES HARD TO RESIST	May 8, 2012 9:16 AM

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248	What I feel in my heart and what the bible says are in conflict.	May 8, 2012 2:46 AM
249	Some ex boyfriends have tried to pressurise me into having sex. this caused arguements and I believe ultimately one of the main reasons previous relationships have ended.	May 7, 2012 3:37 PM
250	I think for young single people it is important, but the risk is that they may just get married to have sex!. I do feel it is a slightly different issue for divorcees	May 7, 2012 3:23 PM
251	although i would prefer to give this on my wedding night	May 7, 2012 1:35 PM
252	Aaaaaagh! (Frustration!)	May 7, 2012 11:32 AM
253	The biblical truth is not changeable, however much people try to make it so! However, it is very difficult to remain sex-less as a christian, whether you're a man or a woman, if you've been single for a while and you're young.	May 7, 2012 8:37 AM
254	i fine sex in a marriage the right way but i fine it hard as the world today is basing itself around sex all the time	May 7, 2012 5:38 AM
255	I find the "magic" of a marital status change after a ceremony a strange concept, but I do believe that sex should only be between people who have made a life-long committment to each other	May 7, 2012 5:16 AM
256	tough question	May 7, 2012 2:02 AM
257	But that knowledge does not extinguish my sexual desires altogether	May 7, 2012 12:56 AM
258	However, it is very hard to not give in to temptations, especially when you look at the world is preaching that sex is fine with whenever and with whoever.	May 6, 2012 2:18 PM
259	Particularly for me having had previous sexual relationships - it's a really important part of me as an individual though I remain celibate since returning to church 13 years ago, its still a huge gap for me	May 6, 2012 2:14 PM
260	I believe sex only within marriage is an ideal to which to aspire (and to which hitherto I have adhered) but I really don't think pre-marital sex is sinful and I am sure that many Christians have engaged in it.	May 6, 2012 1:48 PM
261	My view has changed with age. If God has placed within you a loving giving heart then there comes a point you are hurting yourself for not be able to express it. You can hope and pray God provides you with marriage early in your adult life, but if that does not happen, you are stuck until you think you have found the one.	May 6, 2012 8:46 AM
262	Sex belongs only in marriage, but I'm not sure I am 'fine' with it - celibacy is one of the hardest things for the single Christian because it is one of the most counter cultural choices we make	May 6, 2012 8:38 AM
263	Theologically this is right, but practically it can be difficult.	May 6, 2012 8:23 AM
264	having said that I have had sex before marrage and regret it due to the emotional problems it caused	May 6, 2012 7:31 AM
265	Avoiding sex outside of marriage is extremely hard if you have already been in a marriage and/or previously sexually active. It takes both partners to be stro9ngly committed to abstaining	May 6, 2012 6:04 AM

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266	i agree that it belongs in marriage. this means i always end up alone because the people i am with get fed up of waiting. i also feel like society thinks i am a weirdo for trying to live by this rule.	May 6, 2012 2:38 AM
267	I believe that sex belongs in marriage and that is what I practice now, but this hasn't always been the case. As Christian dating is more difficult than non-Christian I can completely see why people end up dating non-Christians and therefore sex before marriage becomes an issue	May 5, 2012 5:01 PM
268	I made that mistake and its consequences in my youth so will not go there again God Willing	May 5, 2012 3:30 PM
269	This has changed since I divorced	May 5, 2012 2:39 PM
270	I think loneliness and craving intimacy can lead to the wrong sort of intimacy which is not good	May 5, 2012 11:26 AM
271	Sex was permitted once couples were engaged and the relevant financial agreements signed. In OT days, a man allowing a woman to sleep in his tent meant he would marry her. This was part of the culture and so men who wished to be respected just could not and did not go around seducing woman for fun or for free sex. Making love starts with holding hands whereas sex starts nearly at the end. Have we complicated things unnecessarily? Is this thing about no sex (disregarded by most anyway) just taking our eyes of Jesus and onto rules and regulations? However, because I have been told in the past that it is sinful, I would have difficulty in going along with what I have just said and maybe that is why I am still single? I immediately presume someone wants to take advantage of me. But loving God, our neighbour and ourself are far more important things. Also to do what we can for others against injustice and oppression, so if along the way there is love but not marriage, how can I really believe I am more sinful than if I stay at home with crossed legs fleeing any close friendships? Trying to be perfect will never work and admitting we cannot but will do our best is surely better?	May 5, 2012 10:30 AM
272	If you are divorce, does this mean that you can't have sex again until you are married?	May 5, 2012 9:28 AM
273	I have never been in the position where sex was a realistic possibility, so I cannot swear that in a loving relationship I wouldn't be tested and tempted. I am also uncertain whether my stance against pre-marital sex is a revisionist explanation of why I am a virgin at almost 30.	May 5, 2012 9:04 AM
274	I agree biblically that sex should only be in a marriage but truthfully feel that any loving and committed relationship is ok	May 5, 2012 6:41 AM
275	Its not easy!	May 4, 2012 5:54 PM
276	Safe sex - including emotionally - is very important.	May 4, 2012 4:43 PM
277	I agree with this but It is a costly choice to make	May 4, 2012 3:14 PM
278	experience with ex wife means I would want to know we were compatible	May 4, 2012 3:08 PM
279	i believe sex belongs in marriage but i find it annoying that some people get to have God and a sexual, loving marriage but I only get God and then I feel guilty that I'm not happy with just God.	May 4, 2012 1:20 PM
280	I am not a virgin and have never been married so my answer may seem	May 4, 2012 12:54 PM

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	hypercritical and head knowledge seems to be present. I have been celibate for a few years and my original thinking is really the prevailing one, that is to say rather than seeing marriage as a confinement more a place of total freedom to be with one you love and loves you. Affection seems to have been missing during most of my life (sorry!)	
281	there need to be teaching in church for singles concerning this, there needs to be boundaries set before a relationship begins	May 4, 2012 11:45 AM
282	this is one of the best traditions.	May 4, 2012 7:24 AM
283	I think it's a very personal and complex decision. For me, sex is the bodily equivalent of the marriage vows, but I have no issue with people who take a different view.	May 4, 2012 5:18 AM
284	i'm sure i'll find it challenging once i actually meet someone but do want to honour God by waiting for marriage	May 4, 2012 3:48 AM
285	I think it would make a difference if both were committed Christians	May 4, 2012 2:23 AM
286	Its hard to wait as God intended without feeling that marriage is 'owed' to you for doing the RIGHT thing...It doesn't quite work like that however.	May 3, 2012 5:34 PM
287	This has been the biggest issue for me, it has stopped several relationships because they will have sex and I won't	May 3, 2012 2:30 PM
288	I can't judge anyone on this area.	May 3, 2012 2:11 PM
289	Its hard to remain pure in a sex-saturated society!	May 3, 2012 1:02 PM
290	It am sure it will be worth waiting for.	May 3, 2012 12:19 PM
291	I used to believe this strongly but not anymore	May 3, 2012 11:40 AM
292	My view point has changed over the years.	May 3, 2012 11:00 AM
293	but I accept that many people who are unmarried are strongly committed to their partners as if they were married so sex for them is reserved for that one special person.	May 3, 2012 10:24 AM
294	As one matures one may have other views according to circumstances - however sex must never be casual, only an expression of real love and commitment	May 3, 2012 10:18 AM
295	It depends what you mean by sex. I believe that there can be degrees of intimacy before marriage but that the full sexual act belongs only within marriage. However some people believe that any form of intimacy is out.	May 3, 2012 7:36 AM
296	Doesn't make it easy but agree with the principle. I believe a relationship should be built on emotional, physical and spiritual and focus on any one can be unhelpful.	May 3, 2012 6:35 AM
297	None of the above. Depends how you define marriage - marriage in the eyes of God, or marriage according to church dogma!	May 3, 2012 6:16 AM
298	although this is only since becoming a practising Christian three years ago.	May 3, 2012 5:24 AM
299	It is the commitment that counts.	May 3, 2012 5:04 AM

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300	it is hard to keep to this its all around and your only saying no to something you physically emotionally mental could do with and lots of people say it is fun feels like are missing out on intimacy but I wonder how much sex is intimate in marriage, so it is in that way hard to except as it is apparently fun and bonding but in the right context helpful	May 3, 2012 2:24 AM
301	I believe it was wrong to have sex before marriage but that was hard to stick to	May 3, 2012 1:09 AM
302	The culture has changed a lot on this...but this does not mean God had changed his mind...i though would feel condemned	May 2, 2012 7:53 PM
303	Always consider Lord's commandment is DO NOT DO ADULTERY!	May 2, 2012 5:11 PM
304	You should have offered an option of "Casual sex is OK"	May 2, 2012 4:14 PM
305	What with the bombardment from TV, Internet, newspapers .. not to mention inappropriate dress its blooming difficult to not get frustrated !	May 2, 2012 3:55 PM
306	Have to be clear on that, otherwise makes life very difficult.	May 2, 2012 3:34 PM
307	Was a virgin when married to my husband but he was sexually abusive from early days of our marriage and therefore as such my views have changed and I don't think I would wait for marriage to have sex as long as the relationship was a committed one. Saying this I haven't had sex with anyone other than my husband and that relationship ended nearly 10 years ago.	May 2, 2012 3:15 PM
308	am fine but it doesn't make it any easier!!	May 2, 2012 3:14 PM
309	I think if people really believed that they should not have sex before marriage they wouldn't, but for quite a number it is not a strongly held belief.	May 2, 2012 2:52 PM
310	i have ended a lot of relationships because things were heading to a place i wasn't prepared to go. this includes christian men who talk about having great values but still try for sex outside marriage	May 2, 2012 2:49 PM
311	I have had 2 friends who waited to have sex until after marriage. One was gay and couldn't perform, the other had a child size penis. They both said they knew only a Christian girl could be tricked into no sex before marriage. That made me change my view.	May 2, 2012 2:45 PM
312	Sex belongs in committed relationship ideally marriage	May 2, 2012 2:12 PM
313	interesting in heaven there is no sex, so it is only for fulfillment now,... so guess if God loves me now then I can taste heaven on earth now, including no sex, it's only temporary... HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER	May 2, 2012 2:00 PM
314	sex is just one aspect of a union.	May 2, 2012 1:57 PM
315	I want a deep relationship and i think this is best grown before sex is involved. Maybe this is why God made this rule.	May 2, 2012 1:12 PM
316	People give too much importance to sex - both sexual gratification and sexual morality	May 2, 2012 12:43 PM
317	it works for some , but not others	May 2, 2012 12:32 PM
318	I am a virgin and have never felt poorer off for being one. I intend to wait for	May 2, 2012 12:23 PM

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	marriage.	
319	Sick of patronising books on the subject. We live in a sexualised culture. I am celibate. It is killing me. Partly cos no one will talk to me about how hard it is. The church teaches really rubbish stuff about the genders and sex. As a woman I should be sweet and angelic and pure. I am not. I don't want to be. I want to be safe. I don't want to deny I am a sexual being. I don't want to be afraid of being sexual person I also want to deal with that in a healthy manner and a godly manner.	May 2, 2012 12:10 PM
320	I want to wait for marriage to have sex, but wouldn't rule out marrying someone who hasn't waited, depending on circumstances/reasons!	May 2, 2012 12:02 PM
321	Although I'm in a relationship and we have agreed to save a sexual relationship until marriage, should that be our future, we both consider that there would be nothing nicer than cuddling up together to sleep - but we also accept that this would probably lead to frustration, and choose not to do so. I would never condemn another for making the choice to do that though - in a loving and committed relationship. Also, we have both been married before, so the concept of sexual relationship is altered slightly - both our marriage sexual relationships were ultimately ruined by violated trust, and as that is not the case in our own relationship, a sexual encounter would feel like cementing our commitment. However, we choose to keep it and not 'ruin' it.	May 2, 2012 11:49 AM
322	I think no sex before marriage is right, but after marriage is perhaps different. It can place an enormous pressure on the divorced to remarry to get back what they have lost, without any other 'stopping off point' for a relationship besides remarriage	May 2, 2012 11:46 AM
323	I'm fine with it but aware I may never marry, which would be disappointing to say the least.	May 2, 2012 11:41 AM
324	chance would be a fine thing!	May 2, 2012 11:25 AM
325	My answer when younger would have been number 2	May 2, 2012 10:44 AM
326	easier said than done, but this is what is best for us and what God wants	May 2, 2012 10:36 AM
327	It's my principle, but you can never say what will happen.	May 2, 2012 10:34 AM
328	More should be positively preached on the speciality of being a virgin and keeping it for the someone special.	May 2, 2012 10:32 AM
329	sex outside marriage is not worth the risk	May 2, 2012 10:26 AM
330	sex does belong in marriage but difficult to find someone else believing same as me!	May 2, 2012 10:10 AM
331	This is a difficult subject. If one person has a past, they cannot change that, however with God's grace they can repent and be healed and washed clean. From there on it should be possible to change one's present and influence future behaviour, but some behavioural patterns take longer to break and submit to God completely, especially if they are wrapped in with issues of self esteem or past negative experiences.	May 2, 2012 10:06 AM
332	i think that it is important but is not the worst thing in the world if you slip up once and work through it . its how you deal with things as some people move away from God and feel ashamed and carry on sinning . God wants us	May 2, 2012 9:59 AM

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to have no soul ties and not get ourselves messed up but if you do it it sint the biggest sin ,they are all equal in the eyes of the Lord.

333	I m not saying that it wouldn't be very difficult to refrain!	May 2, 2012 9:47 AM
334	I choose to not have sex before marriage but find this difficult	May 2, 2012 8:43 AM
335	I accept that this is Gods directive and I live by it but at times it is really hard to understand	May 2, 2012 8:31 AM
336	I openly let the other person decide. I am happy waiting, but alsomjust as happy not	May 2, 2012 8:22 AM
337	Unfortunately, my ex-husband did not believe this	May 2, 2012 8:11 AM
338	I think its made me a bit 'sexless' though, as for years i have switched this part of myself off	May 2, 2012 7:55 AM
339	it hard when you been married, looked at old testment and what moses did.	May 2, 2012 7:51 AM
340	Sex is for marriage only but it isn't an easy thing	May 2, 2012 7:50 AM
341	Think it is very difficult in current society - particularly if you have been converted later in life. Completely understand why this is the case, but there is huge pressure from men otherwise.	May 2, 2012 7:31 AM
342	What happens after a first marriage ends? Can any second marriage be OK?	May 2, 2012 7:02 AM
343	Totally happy with the concept and there would be far fewer single parent families around if this was lived by. Very hard to live by though!	May 2, 2012 6:57 AM
344	As a recent ocnvert my ideas are changing about sex	May 2, 2012 6:51 AM
345	I believe that sex is best in marriage - but many, many, people has fulfilled lives having sex outside of marriage. It does not neccesarily lead to doom, despair, and death as you hear in some sermons. Whilst this is not the way that God wants us to live, waitng until my midtwenties to have sex, I believe, was unhealthy for me as a person. Also, in a post-Christian society, not being sexually experienced is a huge, huge disadvantage.	May 2, 2012 6:51 AM
346	i am 60 not 30 less important now!	May 2, 2012 6:47 AM
347	i have not yet had sex although 'dabbled'. i was once nearly killed for refusing to be physcial with someone because they thought iwas rejecting them. since then i am a klot more cautious about being around men. the man i am dating now, despite not being a christian had a christain upbringing, and never tries to get me to doanythingi feel uncomfortable with. he was debating not dating me for a long time because of my beluefs, despite that fact that he had fallen for me, beacsue he fekt it would be wrong to aska a virgin to give up her status for the sake of his needs (ahhh). because i jknow this, i ahve relaxed my boundaries very slightly and alrthough we dont have sex we have been intimate and i am really happy that i have done this. it helps to reassure him that i do love him and fancy him. he is also a vicars sone which is why i think he respects me so much. i think if he did have sex with me that he would lose some respect for me if im honest. i dont think he's aware of this, but when i recently told him that i wouldnt do the next thing he asked, he was happy to be in my company anyway.	May 2, 2012 6:45 AM

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348	my attitude has changed since my divorce. i was previously celebrate before my first marriage	May 2, 2012 6:44 AM
349	It is the ideal, but sometimes nature is pretty powerful, and loneliness clouds judgement.	May 2, 2012 6:27 AM
350	I say no penetraive sexual intercourse before marriage as this creates a one flesh union. HOwever I have no difficulty in sexual type of contact that stops short of intercourse as this doesn't create one-flesh union,	May 2, 2012 6:14 AM
351	though I would not expect non-Christians to abide by that rule	Apr 21, 2012 11:26 AM