

Intro: Re-cap last week
• God's Plan is Perfect

Unfortunately, people don't trust that plan and do their own thing...this leads to all kinds of problems that God never intended to go along with sex.

THE NAKED TRUTH

"What went wrong?"

Don't misunderstand me....I don't think we've been purposely lied to. There's probably not some big "Let's Lie about Sex" conspiracy! I think people genuinely think they know what's best.

But, they are *genuinely wrong*.

We've Been Lied To!

- Lie # 1: The **OUTSIDE** matters more than the **INSIDE**.
... God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the LORD looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16: 7).

Covers of mags... focus is always on "looking good" *Evolution of Beauty* Video

Charm can be deceptive and beauty doesn't last, but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised (Proverbs 31: 30).

No one looks good forever...@ 80 we're all ugly!

Personality and "heart" almost always take a backseat to looks.

Show "Men's health" magazine...

Why so many articles on sex?

Tons of articles on sex, but few, if any on love.

- Lie #2: **SEX** matters more than **LOVE**.
Let love be your greatest aim (1 Corinthians 14: 1).

There are three things too wonderful for me to understand--no, four! How an eagle glides through the sky. How a serpent crawls upon a rock. How a ship finds its way across the heaving ocean. The growth of love between a man and a woman (Proverbs 30: 18-19).

If sex makes you so happy, why aren't prostitutes the happiest people alive?

- Lie #3: **MYSELF** matters more than **OTHERS**.
Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself (Philippians 2: 3).

Most of these articles are about "How To Get What You Want"...Sex, treatment, good looking guy or gal etc...

Being sexually active is selfish!

- Lie #4: Who I **HAVE** matters more than who I **AM**.
You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous--and how well I know it (Psalm 139: 13-14).

Don't judge your worth and value as a person by what type of girl or boy friend you have...Going on a date or two or a hundred doesn't make you more valuable as a person!

God's truths are exact opposite of these four lies:

Inside matters more than outside.
Love matters more than sex.
Others matter more than ourselves.
Who I am matters more than who I have.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Do I **BUY** the **LIE**?