

President Gordon B. Hinckley compared breaking the law of chastity with the implosion of a building. To see an implosion and hear President Hinckley's comparison visit <http://ldswwhy.com>.



## Immorality and Hate

In the Old Testament there was a guy named Amnon who was infatuated with a woman named Tamar. The scriptures say he was so “sick for [her]” that he couldn’t do anything else but think about her. Unfortunately, this obsession with Tamar led Amnon to want to be immoral with her, and he “[raped] her, and lay with her” (2 Samuel 13:14).

What do you think the result of this immorality was? Do you think that Amnon fell in love with her after stealing her virtue? He did not. Second Samuel 13:15 says, “Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her.” For Amnon, immorality led to hate, not love.

Why can something that is an “expression of love between husband and wife”<sup>6</sup> result in guilt and hate between those who aren’t married? If “physical intimacy between husband and wife is beautiful and sacred”<sup>7</sup> then why is it not so between boyfriend and girlfriend? It hinges on the timing, or the *order* of when the physical intimacy takes place. There is a time and a

season for everything, and God has commanded that marriage must come before physical intimacy. If we do this in the wrong order, something sweet can become bitter.

**DO  
TRY THIS  
AT  
HOME!**



Think the order isn't important? Try this experiment. Pour a tall glass of orange juice and drink half of it. Tasty, isn't it? Now, brush your teeth and rinse with mouthwash. Nice and fresh! Now, drink the other half of your orange juice. How does it taste? Isn't it interesting that if we do this in the wrong order, something sweet can become bitter? Physical intimacy is no different.



not be misled by Satan's lies. There is no lasting happiness in immorality. There is no joy to be found in breaking the law of chastity. Just the opposite is true. There may be momentary pleasure. For a time it may seem like everything is wonderful. But quickly the relationship will sour. Guilt and shame set in. We become fearful that our sins will be discovered. We must sneak and hide, lie and cheat.

## Tips to Staying Sexually Pure: PROPHETIC PRINCIPLE

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**Know "the line" and stay far from it.**

*For the Strength of Youth* says we should not participate in passionate kissing or anything that arouses powerful emotions.<sup>8</sup>

Just like if we were driving next to a cliff, the further we stay away from "the line," the safer we will be.



Physical intimacy is similar to orange juice and mouthwash. If physical intimacy comes *after* the marriage covenant, it is beautiful and sacred. If physical intimacy comes *before* marriage, it leads to a whole list of ugly results. Read what President Benson taught: "Do

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**Don't steady date before a young man's mission.**

"Avoid going on frequent dates with the same person."<sup>9</sup>



"When you are young, do not get involved in steady dating. When you reach an age where you think of marriage, then is the time to become so involved. But you boys who are in high school don't need this, and neither do the girls."—President Gordon B. Hinckley<sup>10</sup>