

Abstinence-Based Sex Education Program

Last month, the Ithaca Journal reported that school officials in Lansing, N.Y., halted an abstinence-based sex ed program because the focus on marriage was considered insensitive to children from non-traditional families. Apparently, what upset many parents was the way its message was wrapped around the pregnancy center's basic tenet of waiting for marriage.

Just when you thought "political correctness" could go no further, you see stories like the one above. In our society, it is almost as if we look at sexual promiscuity as a God-given right. Society will do its best to provide birth control to allow, even encourage children to engage in sexual relationships.

God provided for the fulfillment of sexual desires. Paul wrote, *"Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband"* (1 Corinthians 7:2). Fornication is any sexual activity outside the boundaries of marriage. God clearly condemned this sin (Romans 1:29; 1 Corinthians 6:13, 18; 10:8; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3).

There is no better proof of James 4:4: *"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."* Our society and schools sell us the idea that our children can have "safe sex." But God says the only "safe sex" is found within marriage. Will you listen to God or to the world?

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