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By Val Swinton

Have you ever stopped to wonder why people really get married?

Of course, there are all the "good" reasons. True love, companionship, things like that. But for a lot of guys getting married today, the good reasons aren't the "true" reasons.

Sex is the true reason. Now I know some people are going to toss the paper down at this point and say, "Oh that's disgusting!"

Maybe, but we have to face reality. A lot of guys keep their brains . . . well, a little bit south of their shoulders. To them, marriage is a license for free sex. No more buying the girls drinks or trying to squeeze them in the back seat of a Toyota.

Marriage takes a lot of the hassle out of sex. I

mean, it's expected of the couple.

I remember the wedding of a friend a couple of years ago. He came from a fine, outstanding Catholic family which did not believe in premarital sex. So his urges started long before he did.

He was always kind of shy around girls and never dated. But he eventually met a woman he felt comfortable with and after a courtship of several months, they decided to marry.

The day of judgment

Finally the great day arrived, and there he was, decked out in a soft-blue Tuxedo with fancy ruffles in the front, shiny cuff links and polished, but no doubt, rented shoes.

You talk about tense. This guy looked like a nervous race horse at the starting gate. At the altar, as the minister read his way to the "Do Yous" and "I Dos" this guy stood first on one foot, then the other. He scratched his thigh, hooking one pantleg on the top of his sock.

He fidgeted like he had ants crawling over his body. Now, he wasn't nervous about all those people in the church or about the long-term commitment he was making.

That wasn't it at all. He knew, that after all those years of passion building up inside of him, and not being able to do anything about it, that deliverance day was at hand.

He was about to become a loyal, MARRIED Catholic and I think he had every intention of fulfilling his obligations to the utmost.

And come to think about it, that may be the reason why some couples have large families. They abstain before marriage and never quite get caught up.

Women respect, men lust

Women seem to handle the joy of sex (or lack of it) better than men. They seem to be more into respect. There's nothing wrong with that, but it's so different than what their husbands-to-be are into.

The woman, on one hand, wants a nice house and spacious backyard complete with a Weber Grill.

The man wants a waterbed filled with funny foam.

She wants love and respect.

He wants a mirror on the ceiling of the honeymoon suite.

The bride wishes they could afford a larger reception.

The groom wishes they'd postpone the reception for about three weeks.

It's no wonder there are so many divorces these days. How can people with such diverse attitudes toward marriage ever hope to get along. That's why premarital sex is so important. It helps get the preliminaries out of the way and allows a couple to discover early whether they're really suited for each other.



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