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1 Corinthians 7:1-7
(p 1132)

Be Sexual Only as Husband & Wife (v2)

- Proverbs 5:27-28: *Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without being scorched?*
- Hebrews 13:4: *Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.*

Be Sexual as an Expression of Love for your Spouse (v3-5a)

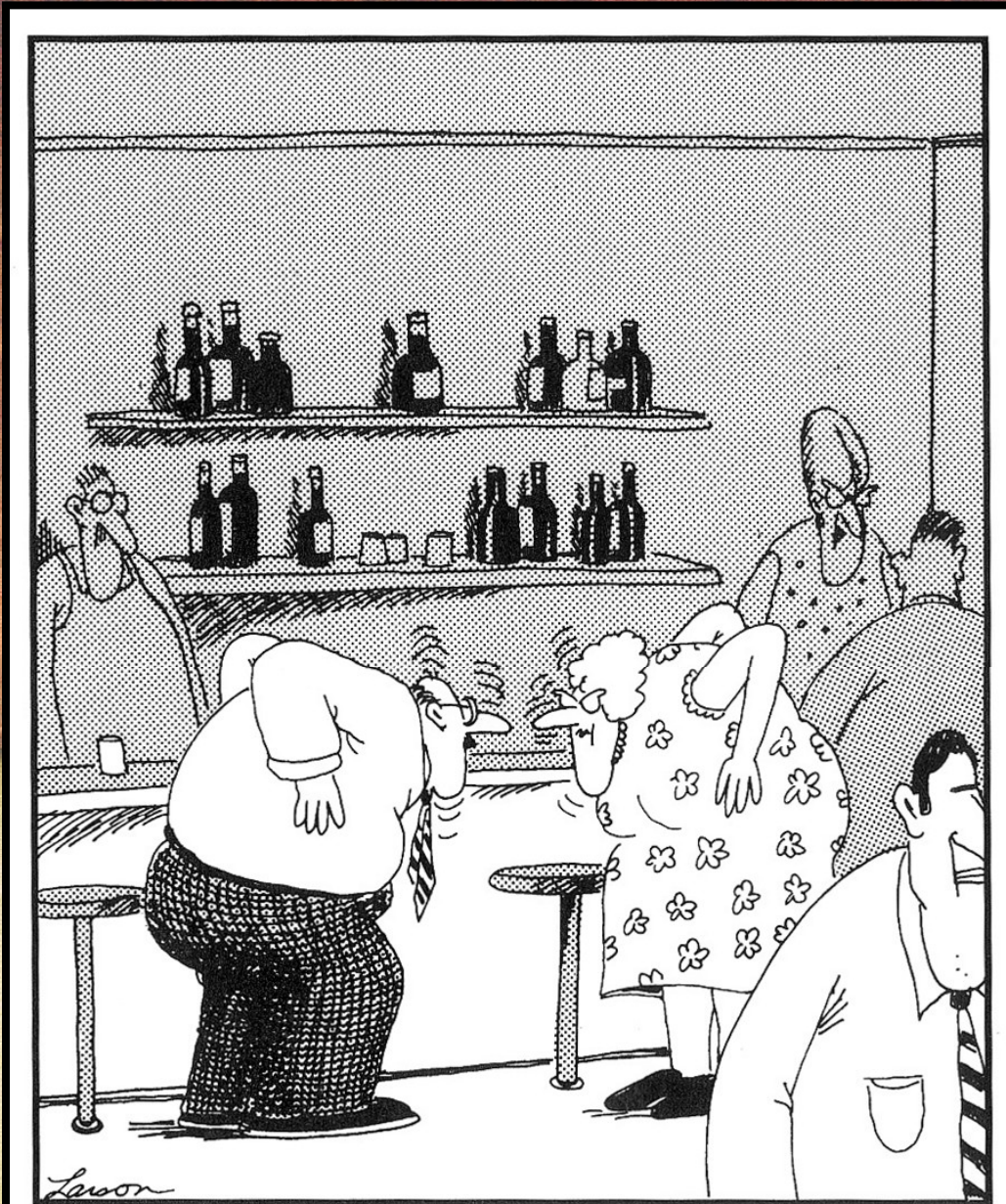
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When ornithologists are mutually attracted

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“It should never be used as a bribe or a reward for good behavior or as something to be withheld as a threat or a punishment. Husband and wife alike must be sensitive to the emotional states of each other and not insist on sex on demand. But neither should one partner consistently try to get out of satisfying his or her spouse’s conjugal needs.” - Craig Blomberg.

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- Don't use sex for non-loving, selfish purposes
 - reward, bribe, punishment or threat (marital prostitution)
 - forced or angry sex (marital rape)
 - “more spiritual to abstain”/sex is “dirty”

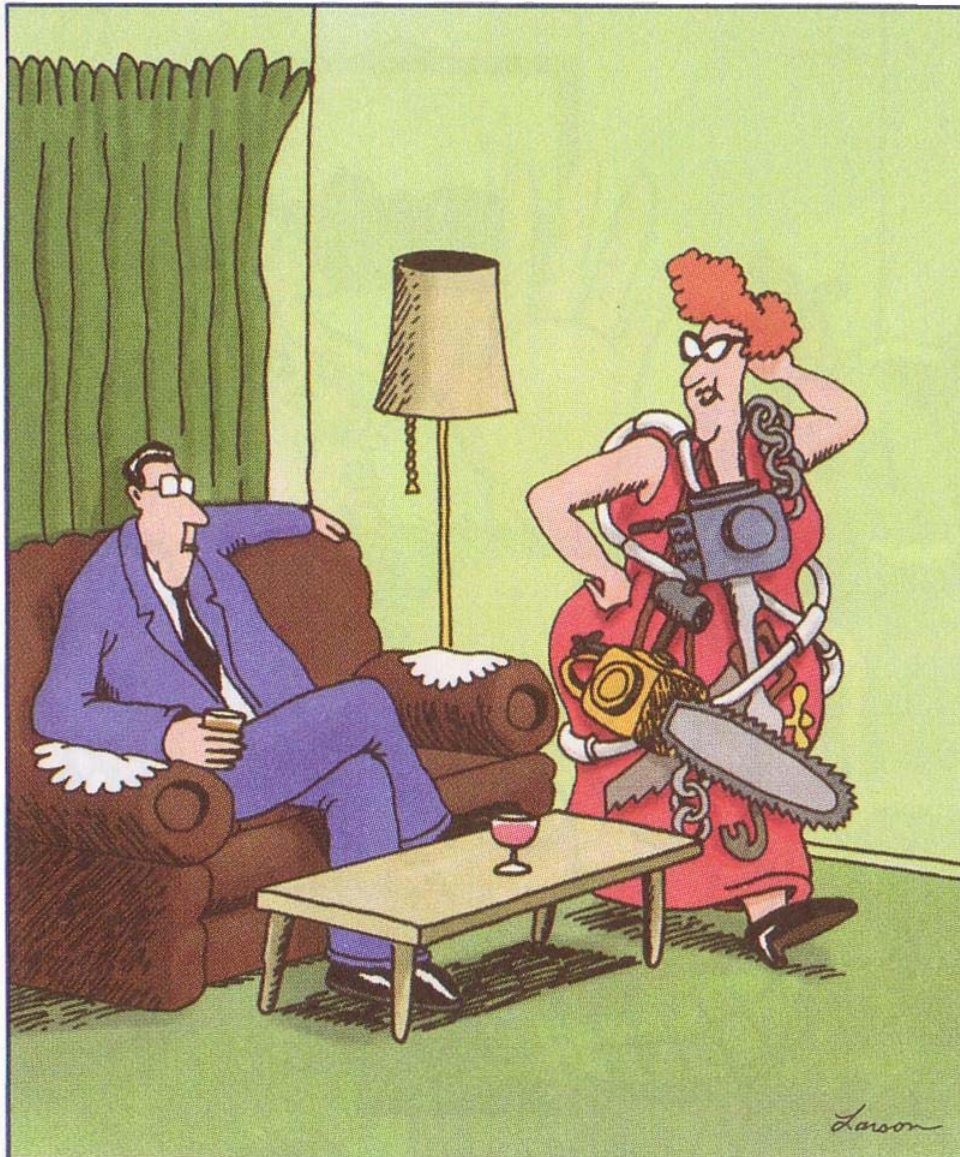
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- Making love is every bit as spiritual as praying
- Make each other #1 in this and every area and your sex life will take off
- Enjoy the intimacy, pleasure and even humor of marital sex

Be Sexual as a Means of Fireproofing Your Marriage (v5b)

So...

- Cultivate God's high view of sex
- Be honest together about your feelings
- Put the other's needs first
- Work at speaking each other's love language
- Put time, energy and \$ into romance



"Excuse me, Harold, while I go slip into something more comfortable."

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So...

- Cultivate God's high view of sex
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- Take a refresher course!

*Sex in marriage is one of
God's great gifts; enjoy it,
and each other,
to the max!*



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