

Dear Diary,

Today was my seven- month anniversary. Yep, I have officially had a boyfriend for seven whole months. Wow, it doesn't even seem like it has been that long. I guess when you are enjoying yourself you forget about the time. Lately, I have been thinking about taking my relationship to the next level, you know... sex. I think I have waited long enough. I mean, I know I made a promise to God to wait until I was married, but I mean I never thought I would meet someone I liked so much. Besides, he is getting impatient, waiting for me and all, and I mean I can't blame him... it has been a long time... I guess. I know what the bible says, but marriage is a long time to wait and if we love each other and he wants me to do it, I should just do it... right?

Sex seems to be the most challenging issue we as young people deal with today. We live in a society where sex is openly accepted without guilt or shame. You see it everyday on television, in books and magazines. Some days it even makes it hard to be a Christian. Not just any kind of Christian, but the kind of Christian that made a choice to live right.

Now, truth be told, most people don't care to "live right" but as Christians we must make a choice. We must choose to live for the world or for God. Living for God is far from an easy task, it means fighting off your flesh or in simpler terms, the world.

As a Christian it is important that you have a passion for purity. If you truly want to please God then you should have a sincere passion to remain pure. God says "Be ye holy for I am holy." We must strive to be like God, but it is hard to "be holy" if we don't surround ourselves with people who share the same passion for purity and more importantly for God. When dating someone you cannot be unequally yoked. Fighting off worldly demons is hard all by it self, having someone around who has the same passion for purity and God as you do can help you make it through.