

## **TEACHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION DO GUYS AND GIRLS LOOK AT SEX DIFFERENTLY?**

Discuss the following positions:

### **What the girl wants is love.**

She wants someone to hold her and tell her that she is special. She wants a committed boyfriend who loves her and is someone to talk to and to share her life with. Her love drive is mature.

Her sex drive is not mature. She is not ready for sex and all the dangers and problems that come with it, even though she knows that it is the girl who gets burned in these matters. She has a lot more to lose than the guy, and she is not ready for all the heavy stuff that goes with a sexual relationship. But she doesn't want to lose her boyfriend, so she "plays at sex" to get the love she wants and needs. Most girls get involved sexually because of the passion of her boyfriend, not her own.

Girls may reason like this: "Chad wants to have sex with me and I wouldn't want to have sex with someone unless I really loved him, so he must really love me."

On the other hand, many aggressive girls make themselves available and willing to do "anything" to get a guy to pay attention to her.

### **The guy is not ready for love.**

He is not ready for a lifetime commitment. He is not ready for all the responsibilities that go with being a husband and a father. His love drive is not mature at all.

His sex drive, however, is mature. At 16 or 17, he has powerful sexual desires and they don't want to wait. What does this mean? It means he wants a girl. He wants sexual intercourse.

What does the guy do? He "plays at love" in order to get what he fundamentally wants. He uses words of love and tells the girl what she wants to hear. Girls do not question his sincerity, but the focus of his attention is on sex. He may sincerely think that he loves the girl, but he does not understand real love. He may not realize how selfish he is in thinking only of his sexual needs.

Couples often break up after a sexual relationship. One of the reasons is that the guy got what he was fundamentally interested in, and moves on. But the girl didn't get the committed love she wanted, and may feel disappointed, confused, and even used.

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