

“May God give you of heaven’s dew,
and earth’s richness” Genesis 28:27



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Silly Putty Sex. A Lesson of Design.

When I was growing up, I loved playing with **Silly Putty**. A malleable, super substance that was stretchy, sticky and bouncy. We would roll it into a ball and see how high it could rebound off the floor, usually hitting the ceiling, to my Mother’s chagrin. But my favorite thing to do with **Silly Putty** was to get the newspaper’s comic section. Pressing the putty onto the newsprint, I could lift the inked image off of the news print creating an image on the **Silly Putty**. It was fun to see how distorted we could make *Garfield* or *Dilbert* as we stretched, twisted and pinched the putty in various shapes.

In the beginning, God put His perfect imprint on humanity. As part of creation, God set mankind apart by creating he and she in His image, male and female. The Bible calls this, the *Imago Dei* or *Image of God*. It was a perfect reflection of the divine.

Then something horribly heinous and awful happened. Mankind rejected the perfect plan and boundaries of God. Being deceived and delinquent, mankind decided their way of living was better than God’s. Since that first rebellious act of sin, we’ve been distorting and exchanging the truth of God for a lie, and suffering the consequences.

Since sin corrupts thoroughly, infecting its host from the inside out. All of humanity suffers from its devastating affects; no one is immune. It’s holistic in its corruption, deteriorating our thinking, beliefs, attitudes and actions. It doesn’t lift up, but tears down. It distorts and defaces the *Imago Dei* in all of humanity.

And, because we pass on our thinking, beliefs, values and genetics to our children, the imprint of God gets passed along as well, taint and all. Every “copy”, every individual is distorted, even in little increments. Given enough time, we decay, totally. When we turn our back on God and our faces towards corruption, we no longer reflect His glory.

Silly Putty gives us an excellent representation of this distortion. Twist and stretch the putty even slightly and there’s no way to return it to its original image. And if you could pass that image from one piece to another - you can’t because it’s so sticky - the next image wouldn’t be any better than the original.

The same is true for our sexuality. Because sin corrupts us, we’re no better than our parents, even though we think we are. What they believe about sex - whether healthy or

ill - gets passed to us. We are then free to retain that image, guarding it for ourselves and our children, or distort it further. As society drifts further and further away from the plan of God, we slide downward towards a sexuality that degrades and diminishes not only God's plan, but our view of others and ourselves. Rejecting God, we become our own kings and convince ourselves that our ways are right when they really lead to death.

But unlike **Silly Putty** that is irreparable, we aren't! Through the perfect work of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can have our minds renewed, our beliefs corrected and our sexual compasses reset to point toward the plan of God. We don't have to feed our lusts and desires, or have our sexuality defined by others or be controlled by our passions. Having Jesus as our guide, we can be restored, renewed and redeemed!

There isn't one person who doesn't struggle with their sexuality. Some do so more than others and, in our wrestling, we're to have compassion on them as we would want them to have on us. No one is immune from the affects of sin, but everyone invited to have their lives restored by Jesus.

Don't give in to **Silly Putty** sex! Don't be convinced that anyone knows better about your sexuality than God. Follow His plan as outlined in the Bible. Share that plan with others, encouraging them to allow Jesus to define who they are sexually, not their lusts, passions or societal beliefs. Only then can we fully reflect the glory of God.