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Age 16

Take a Deeper Look

Hi, I'm Charles, I'm in the eleventh grade, sixteen years old, and I play football and basket ball.

I was asked to talk a little bit about how I see sex in high school.

First, I want to say that I am abstinent now, but wasn't always. Hopefully you will be able to see why after you read this.

I guess I found out that girls look for more intimate relationships, like more serious things than guys do. Guys just kind of look for just someone to be with sometimes, and hang out with for awhile or something like that. Even if sex is part of the relationship it really doesn't make it more serious to guys. That's just the way it is.

I remember the first time I thought I was in love. It was foolish. I was an idiot. It wasn't love, it was puppy love. Now I know that you really can't love somebody after you knew them for such a short time. I mean you would have to be in deep conversations, I mean get to know serious intimate stuff before you find out if you love someone or not.

I also think that people think that if they are "in love" then sex is automatically okay. I think it depends on how mature the people are (adults too). I thought love and sex were the same thing and it ended up hurting someone real bad when we broke up. I just didn't know. I lost my mom's trust too, and could have really hurt my future, all about thinking this is just what I was supposed to do.

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Then there are other people who just have sex because it makes them look cool. It's not really. I mean, sex isn't like a game, it's not like a joke or something to laugh about and brag about. I know now that that's just disrespectful. If you have a girlfriend and do have sex, you don't go telling people "Oh, I had sex with her last night". But everyone does. That means you shouldn't have been having sex in the first place.

I know now that not everybody's doing it. Some people do, some people don't. Smart people choose not to have sex at this age. The more people that learn that the better off they'll be.

You see, if you graduate a virgin, you are not a prude or a loser like some people say. Those are just the people who want you to screw up like they did. And it really doesn't matter what other people say. It only matters what you say and how you feel about yourself and your own observation of yourself. That's the only thing that matters.

Anyway, what I've seen is that people who have sex in high school usually end up hating each other, or they don't talk much, or they don't have respect for each other. Either way, the relationship breaks up sometime, so what's the point?

My best piece of advice I could give to younger kids is think it out, think through it. I mean really like dig deep, think about things... your future, what it would be like to have a kid, how you will make the other person feel or what your family would think of you.

Don't let your friends intimidate you into doing something that you really don't want to. It's o.k. if you don't have sex, it's fine. And if they do get on your case about it, they're not really your friends so you don't need those people anyway.

Sincerely,

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