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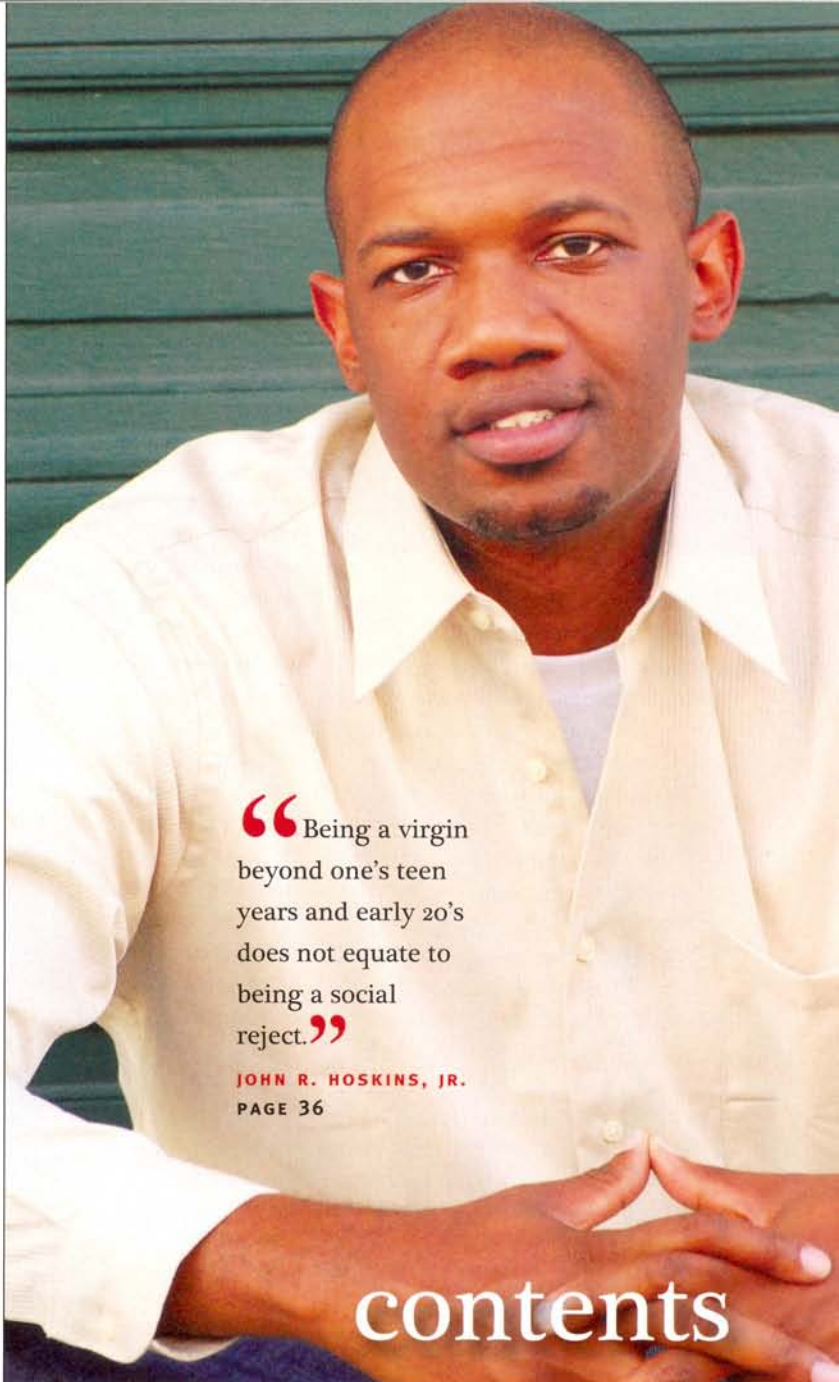
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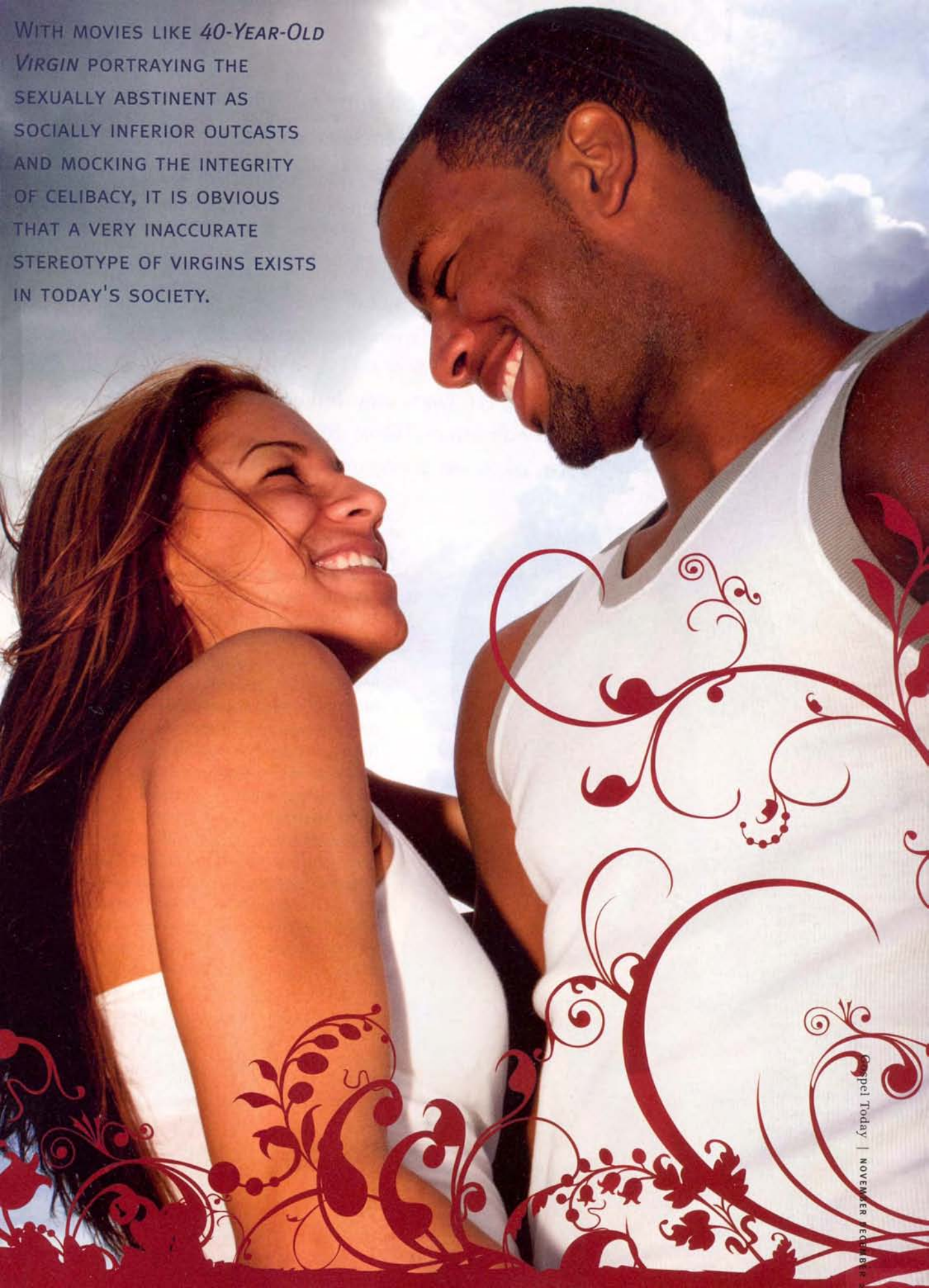
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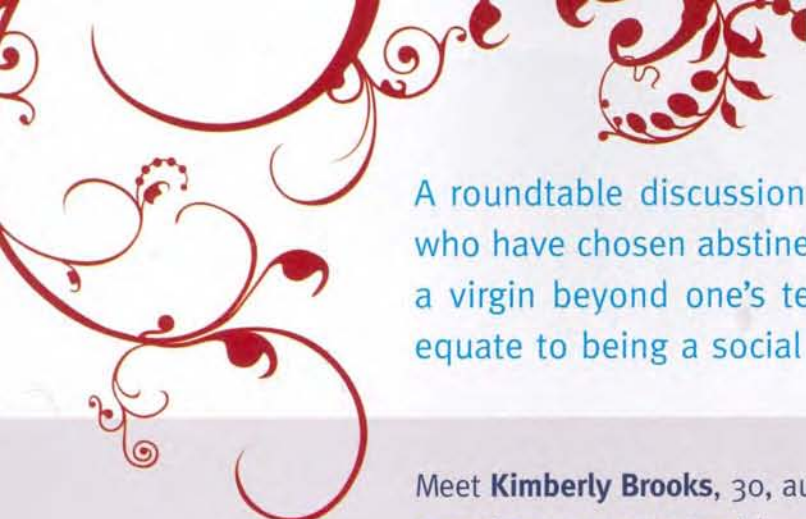


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WITH MOVIES LIKE *40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN* PORTRAYING THE SEXUALLY ABSTINENT AS SOCIALLY INFERIOR OUTCASTS AND MOCKING THE INTEGRITY OF CELIBACY, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A VERY INACCURATE STEREOTYPE OF VIRGINS EXISTS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.



A roundtable discussion with four dynamic young people who have chosen abstinence as a lifestyle proves that being a virgin beyond one's teen years and early 20's does not equate to being a social reject.

Meet **Kimberly Brooks**, 30, author of *He's Fine But Is He Saved & He's Saved But Is He For Real* ([www.kimontheweb.com](http://www.kimontheweb.com)), **Dr. Lindsay Marsh**, 32, author of *The Best Sex of My Life: A Guide To Purity* & Founder of *Worth The Wait, LLC* ([www.iamworththewait.com](http://www.iamworththewait.com)), **Shenette Howard**, 26, *Miss Florida International 2006* (<http://shenettehoward.com>), **Jeffrey Tyler**, 26, on-air personality ([www.heaven1580am.com](http://www.heaven1580am.com)).

#### HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING AN "OLDER" VIRGIN?

**Lindsay:** Well, I have to admit that [because] I am a little older and a little more mature, it allows me the platform to share with those who are younger. Sexual purity is a radical, attractive, magnetic, fabulous lifestyle. I think my influence as a virgin has not only broadened and increased, but greatly challenged the HIV epidemic and STD statistics. I am excited about the day that I will be married, but in the meantime, I desire for God to get the maximum glory of out my sexual purity, while I am single.

**Kim:** As you get older, I think remaining a virgin has more of an impact because of the time and waiting involved. This goes beyond just "being a good Christian." For me, I'm waiting for two people: God and my future husband, so that I can present myself as a gift to them. There is also more at stake since I'm an advocate for purity, especially for me using that platform as an author, speaker and minister. [CONT. ON PAGE 39]

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—LINDSAY

**Jeffrey:** I believe that as you get older, your stance and attitude should not change, but [I also feel that] the challenge of staying faithful to your stance gets harder. But even though the urges and desires are there, we have a God who is able to keep us from falling or failing. All we have to do is keep ourselves properly positioned—by constantly staying in the word of God.

**Shenette:** Whenever I stand before kids now, having endured tempting or potentially compromising situations in college, I always think to myself how God has kept me (sexually pure) for them. Though I do desire marriage and an intimate relationship with my husband, above all, I desire God's perfect will. For me, getting older allows me to see that this lifestyle of abstinence is reality and is not far-fetched.

**AS VIRGINS BY CHOICE AND NOT MERELY CIRCUMSTANCE, IS IT YOUR DESIRE TO MARRY ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS ALSO A VIRGIN?**

**Jeffrey:** I get asked that question a lot by females on Myspace! They ask me, "Would you marry a non-virgin?" My answer is in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." A lot of times, "old things passing away" can be a gradual process. Your spirit has been made new, but there are a lot of habits that have to be put to death.

If a woman has been sexually active in the past, I will marry her if it is God's will and as long as she has been delivered from past soul ties. If not, I can't, because it's not fair to me or to her for either of us to bring past attachments into our marriage and defile the holy place that we are now in. But if it is the wife that God has ordained for me, it's all good. I won't discriminate, because I would be denying myself a great blessing that God has for me, by judging a woman by her past.

**Shenette:** I'm going to be honest with you. Not until last year did I ever think that I would be O.K. with marrying someone who is not a virgin. I met a young man that made me really check myself. Also, a friend who is also a virgin shared an experience about meeting a guy who had been promiscuous in his past. She said that when she questioned God about giving her a man with such a past, God asked her, "What past are you talking about?" God didn't even keep a record of the sin – He forgot everything! I've learned that if I want to be more like Christ, I have to do the same thing.

**Kim:** What Shenette said is so much like God's character! In my conversations with married couples on various issues, what they've shared

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—JEFFREY





*"I'm waiting for two people: God and my future husband, so that I can present myself as a gift to them."*

—Kim

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with me is that when you sincerely go to God about something, especially about your spouse, He will often tell you about yourself. That's just God's character. But even when we mess up, God always speaks the best for us and of us, to us.

There have been men that I've been involved with that were good quality men, but in prayer God has revealed to me that it was not His will. He'll then go on to show me where I went wrong, and not necessarily the flaw that was in the man.

**Lindsay:** As a virgin, I am not necessarily looking to marry another virgin. It actually isn't that important to me in the decision making process, as long as he is a virgin in his heart toward me and toward God.

Although I am a virgin, I have experienced "satisfaction without penetration," as I call it on my book. In the past I have participated in humping, bumping and grinding, kissing and rubbing, and all of the sexual appetizers that come before the main course. Now, I practice a lifestyle of sexual purity. So, I am interested in how my future mate is living his life now, as it relates to sexual purity, and less interested in judging him by his past errors.

**WHAT PRACTICAL WISDOM CAN YOU PROVIDE TO VIRGINS AND NON-VIRGINS ALIKE, FOR SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTING A LIFESTYLE OF SEXUAL PURITY?**

**Shenette:** Being spiritually sound is so important. But common sense is essential! Before any of us were saved and knew Christ—especially those who didn't grow up in church, the reality is, the company we kept influenced the type of person we became. You have to have accountability and people who are on your level. For instance, if a person doesn't understand, "Do not try to kiss me," and tries to kiss you anyway, then that person has to go. If kissing starts, then "other things" lead to "other things."

**Kim:** The first step is to acknowledge and confess your sins before God. Thank God for the blood of Jesus. He will literally cleanse your spirit and make it as if you've never done anything. You also have to crucify your flesh daily. You may not be able to go to every movie that comes out or listen to certain songs because of the desires they may trigger. Also, you should celebrate "small victories" along the way, like being celibate for a week, then a month, and so on.

**Jeffrey:** First off, sex is very addictive, probably more than any drug. But, having urges is not a sin; however, we have to not allow sexual drive, to drive us. If you want to change your acts,

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change your emotions. If you want to change your emotions, change your thoughts. If you want to change your thoughts, examine what you watch and listen to on a regular basis.

**Lindsay:** It is highly important for young men and women to root their self-esteem in the Word of God instead of these sexually charged images and stereotypes projected by our media. If more adult males embraced sexual purity in their marriages and as adult singles, younger men would have better examples to emulate. I am so thankful for the example I have in my Pastors, Drs. Mike and Dee Dee Freeman. They have demonstrated that successful marriages do exist and that one man can be faithful to one woman. It is very important for men to see such integrity in another male. ☺



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