



# *Preparing your Child For Marriage*

▼ **Dating or courtship has been around awhile**

***Proverbs 30:18,19***

**18** There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand:

**19** The way of an eagle in the air, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the midst of the sea, And the way of a man with a virgin.



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- ▼ **Jesus came in the likeness of man and was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. *Philippians 2:7,8 & Hebrews 4:15***
- ▼ **His body would have gone through all the natural changes and be subject to all the feelings and weaknesses that ours are.**
- ▼ **And yet He was pure in thought and action. How?**



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- ▼ **How did Jesus stay pure in an immoral world?**
  - ▼ **No T.V.**
  - ▼ **No movies**
  - ▼ **No pornography**
  - ▼ **No pick-ups with astro-turf**
  - ▼ **Strict and honest punishment for immorality**
  - ▼ **No prostitution**



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- ▼ **Jesus lived only a short walk from the largest Roman city in Galilee**
- ▼ **What was there?**
  - ▼ **Nude performances in the amphitheater**
  - ▼ **Immoral symbols and art all over town**
  - ▼ **Rampant prostitution**
- ▼ **This city was being built when he was a teenager. They used many Jewish carpenters and laborers**

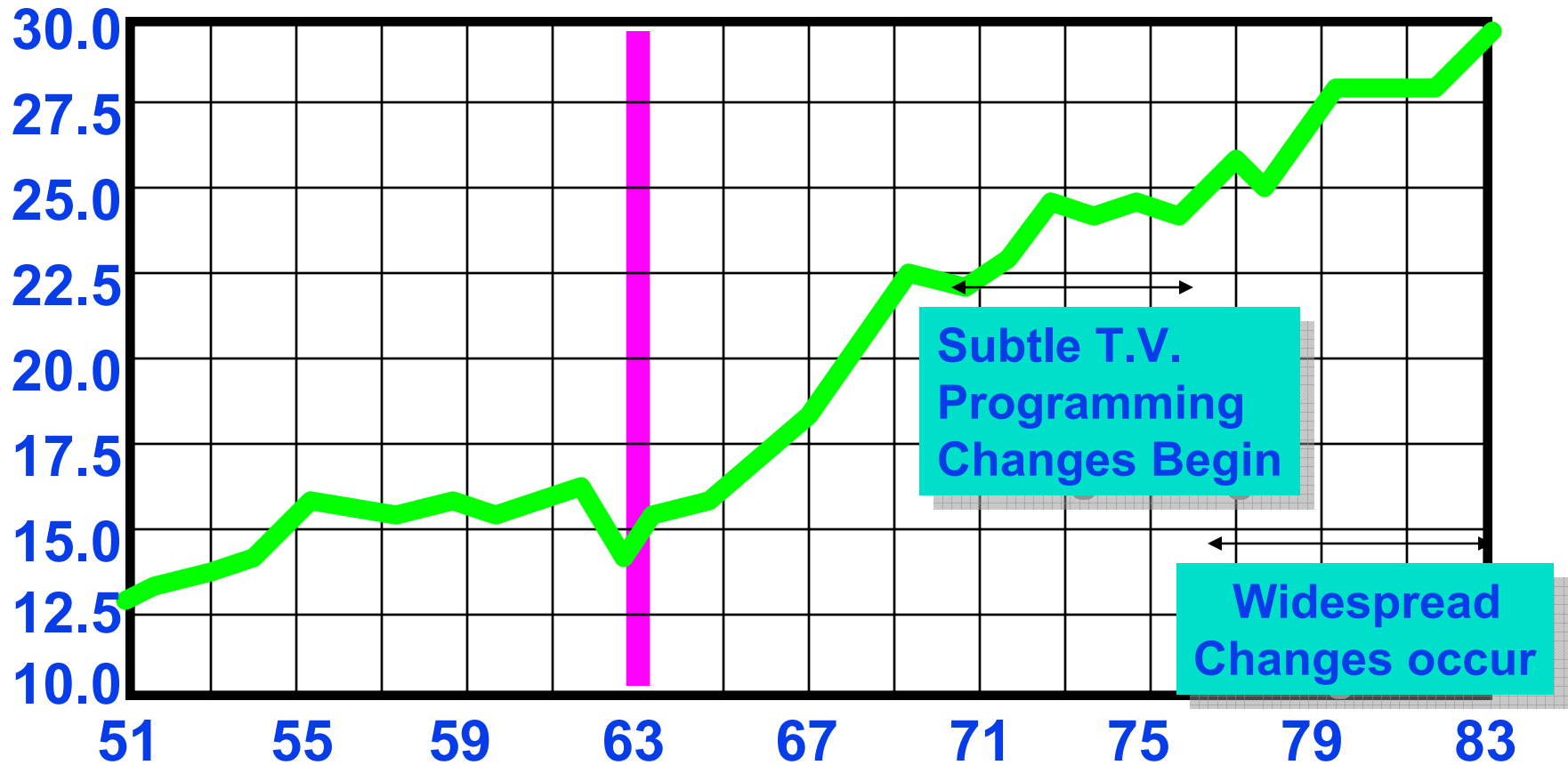


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- ▼ Why date?
- ▼ Are you ready for marriage?
- ▼ Do remember your first date?
- ▼ Was Jesus ready for marriage?
- ▼ If dating is just good clean fun then why don't boys date boys and girls date girls?
- ▼ When should a person date? What's the purpose?

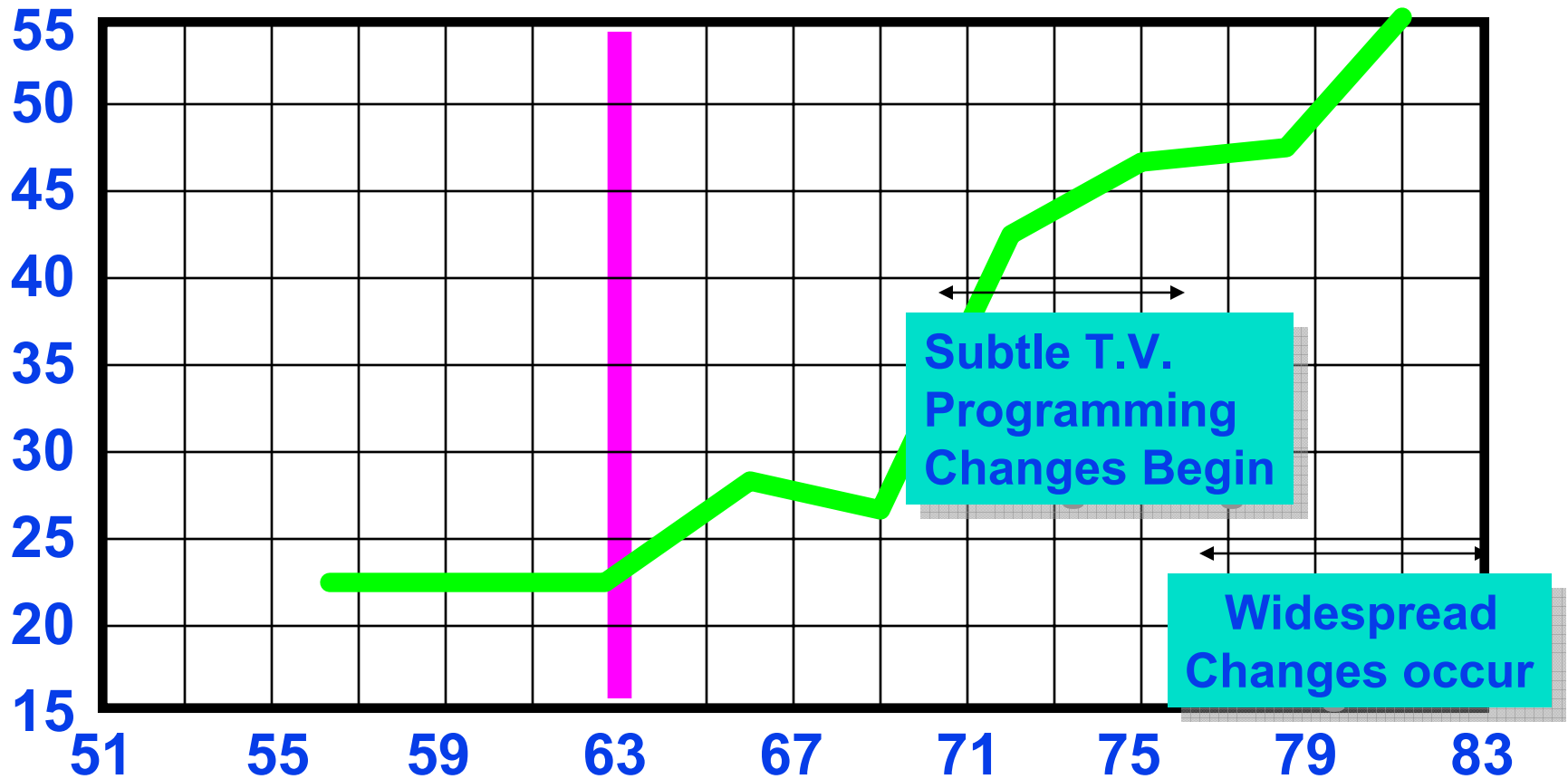
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**Birth rates for unwed women 15-19 yrs. of age per 1,000 women**



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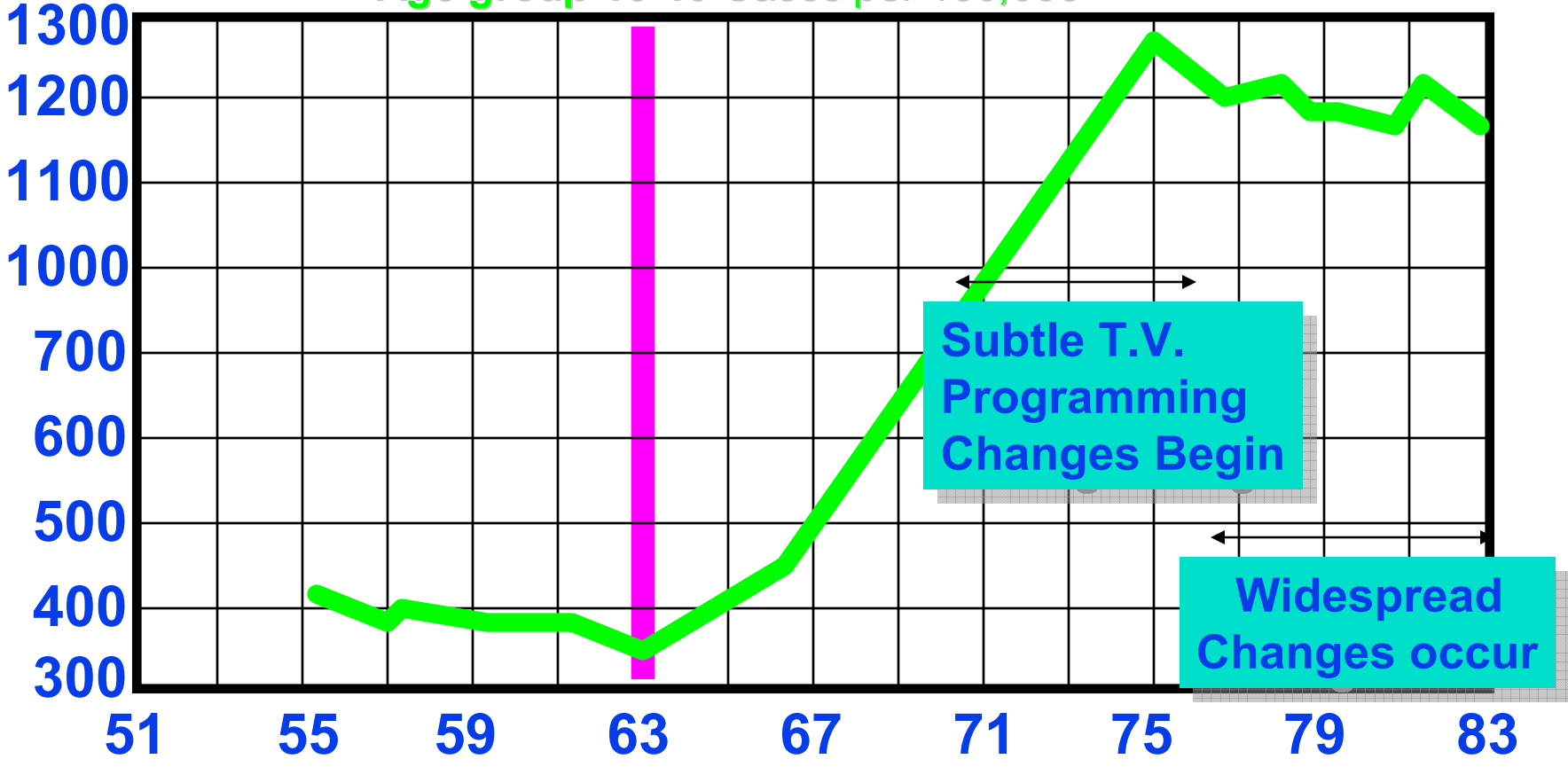
**Pre-marital Sex** Percentage of U.S. 18yr. old girls





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## Sexually Transmitted Diseases Gonorrhea: Age group 15-19 Cases per 100,000





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- ▼ **What happened in 1963?**
- ▼ **A sitting President was assassinated**
- ▼ **A foreign war was escalated**
  
- ▼ **Prayer and reading of the bible were banned from public schools**
- ▼ **Would Jesus' life be different if prayer and the bible were removed? How about your child?**