**LDS Male Perspectives on Physical Intimacy in Marriage**

1. General assumptions
   1. A sexual relationship is an important part of a healthy marriage
   2. Women should like sex too
   3. I will do whatever she wants if she will only tell or show me what that is
   4. I initiate sex to show I love you
   5. Sexual activity makes me feel more connected to you
   6. I initiate sex because it helps me forget my troubles
   7. I am not half as concerned about how your body looks as you are
   8. If you are not having a positive experience, than I have failed in some way
2. Reactions to frequent rejection or intimacy with no passion
   1. Disappointment -“I thought we have a good relationship”
   2. Anger – “I am doing everything I can for this family and for her. Is this too much to ask?”
   3. Alienation – “What does it mean if someone I love does this to me repeatedly?”
   4. Confusion – “Is something wrong with me? Did I forget to wash the car? Did she change her hair and I didn’t say anything?”
   5. Frustration –“Why won’t she talk to me about this? Why is she unwilling to take any steps to help?”
   6. Hopelessness – “I have made an eternal commitment to this woman, and now I am stuck. What can I do?”
   7. Temptation – “Well if she doesn’t want me maybe somebody else will.”
3. Wouldn’t it be great if:
   1. Occasionally she made the first move
   2. She stopped always treating the children as the first priority
   3. She tried to see things from my perspective
   4. She arranged her schedule so that we had some private time
   5. She actually told me what she likes and dislikes