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What is the ruling on having thoughts of intercourse even before marriage? Must one try to get rid of these thoughts quickly?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Thinking about this matter before marriage is of no benefit. Rather it is harmful, because it usually leads to the provocation of sexual desire and doing something that is not right in order to fulfil this desire. Try to get rid of these thoughts and keep yourself busy with the remembrance of Allah (dhikr), issues of knowledge and working to propagate the cause of Islam.

We ask Allah to help us and you to do all that is good.