

It's Not Just Different, It's Better

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Last month I read an [article](#) about New York Giants cornerback Prince Amukamara who is apparently referred to by some as the Black Tim Tebow because of his faith and commitment not to have sex with women he isn't married to.

The story wasn't negative, but the fact that it existed as a story at all was an indication of how an over-sexualized culture feels about people who believe sex is for marriage.

Isn't that cute.

Then, last week, [another story](#) surfaced about a different NFL Player. Adrian Peterson is generally regarded as the best running back in football today. Last year he had the second most rushing yards in NFL history in a season that started nine months after surgery for a torn ACL.

He's a very, very impressive athlete.

But in this case he made headlines because of the tragic death of his two-year-old son; a son he didn't know he had until only a few months prior. He never even met the boy until he was in a coma as a result of the head injuries that took his life.

The man who thought he was the boy's father wasn't. A third man, the mother's recent boyfriend who had a history of domestic violence, inflicted ultimately fatal wounds to the boy's head.

Reports suggest that Peterson has between 5-7 children with at least four different women, none of whom he ever married.

After reading about the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of this little boy, I was reminded about reaction to the Prince Amukamara. Fellow Giants cornerback Jayron Hosley said, "He's doing it for a reason, for something that he believes in, that he feels is right for him. I respect that."

Respectful bewilderment. It's cool to be boring, if that's your thing.

But here's the problem. Amukamara's choice isn't simply one choice of many equally good options, it's better.

If you're unconvinced, ask yourself this question. Would the world be a better place if more people acted like Adrian Peterson or Prince Amukamara? The answer to that question is so obvious it isn't even worth asking.

If men all decided not to have sex with women they weren't married to, suddenly fatherlessness, with its tremendously negative impact on poverty, crime, suicide, and lack of educational achievement, is no longer an issue. Not to mention the benefits of a world without sexually transmitted infections, abortions, and infidelity.

But they assure us it isn't realistic. Boys will be boys.

The truth is, we'd rather lower the standard than feel like hypocrites.

So instead of applauding the Tebow's and Amukamara's of the world for being the examples they are, we put a [bounty on their virginity](#). We hope for their failure because...

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