

# Guarding Marriage

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# I. Preserving Marriage As God's Idea

**GENESIS 2:24B** AND THEY  
SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH

# Marriage Is For ...

(Genesis 2)

- ▶ **Companionship** (18a)
- ▶ **Cooperation** (18b)
- ▶ **Completion** (20)
- ▶ **Celebration** (22)
- ▶ **Closeness** (24-25)

# Sex Is For ...

- ▶ **Marital Enjoyment** (Prov 5:18-19; SS 4, SS 7)
- ▶ **Meaningful Intimacy** (SS 5:16)
- ▶ **Mutual Love** (Gen 26:8)

## II. Prohibiting Desecration Of God's Institution Of Marriage

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# The Prohibition Of Adultery

- ▶ **Exodus 20:14** You shall not commit adultery.
- ▶ **Leviticus 18:20** Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.
- ▶ **Deuteronomy 5:18** You shall not commit adultery.
- ▶ **Matthew 5:27** You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not commit adultery."
- ▶ **Matthew 19:18** 'You shall not commit adultery,'
- ▶ **Luke 18:20** You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery,'
- ▶ **Romans 13:9** For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery,"
- ▶ **James 2:11** For He who said, "Do not commit adultery,"

# The Punishment Of Adultery

- ▶ **Leviticus 20:10** If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.
- ▶ **Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

# The Penalty Of Lust

- ▶ **Matthew 5:27-28** <sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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*(Pathway To Freedom, Moody Press, 2003, p. 162)*

- ▶ Adultery breaks the marriage covenant; adulterous thoughts do not.
- ▶ Adultery provides grounds for divorce; mental adultery does not.
- ▶ Adultery violates and defiles each other's bodies; its mental counterpart does not.
- ▶ Adultery is the vehicle for sexually transmitted diseases, whereas the mind is not.

# III. Perverting Marriage Through Ungodly Acts

- **Adultery** – Marriage-less Partner
- **Premarital Sex** – Misguided Purpose
- **Pornography** – Malicious Pictures
- **Homosexuality** – Misused Passion

# Weigh Out (2 Sam 11)

- ▶ **Step 1: LYING (Around) – The Time Of Vulnerability (1)**
- ▶ **Step 2: EYEING – The Taste Of Temptation (2)**
- ▶ **Step 3: DEFYING – The Turning From Righteousness (3)**
- ▶ **Step 4: TRYING – The Taking Part In Sin (4)**
- ▶ **Step 5: SIGHING – The Tarnish Of Sin (5)**

# Watch Out

- ▶ **Proverbs 7:19-23** <sup>19</sup>For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey; <sup>20</sup>He has taken a bag of money with him, And will come home on the appointed day.” <sup>21</sup>With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him. <sup>22</sup>Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, <sup>23</sup>Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it would cost his life.

# Watch Out

- ▶ **Proverbs 22:3** A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.

# Get Out

- ▶ **Genesis 39:12-13** <sup>12</sup>that she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. <sup>13</sup>And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,
- ▶ **2 Timothy 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

## Charles H. Spurgeon:

- ▶ “Learn to say ‘NO’; it will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin.”

# Premarital Sex – Misguided Purpose

- ▶ **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8** **3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; **4** That each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, **5** Not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; **6** That no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. **7** For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. **8** Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

# Pornography – Malicious Pictures

- ▶ **Job 31:1** I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.
- ▶ **Proverbs 27:20** Hell and Destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

# Pornography – Malicious Pictures

- ▶ **Get Accountability**
- ▶ **Avoid Triggers**
- ▶ **Cut Off Accessibilities**

# Homosexuality – Misused Passion

- ▶ **Romans 1:26-27** <sup>26</sup>For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup>Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

# Homosexuality – Misused Passion

- ▶ **1 Corinthians 6:9** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

# Conclusion

- ▶ Flee Temptation (2 Tim 2:22; Gen 39:12-13; Prov 22:3)
- ▶ Guard Your Marriage (Present or Future)
- ▶ Inoculate Your Kids

# When To Teach

- ▶ Before their peers teach them the wrong things
- ▶ Prior to and concurrently with their school's sex education program
- ▶ When they start to ask questions about it
- ▶ The level of depth depends on the level of their comprehension

# What To Say

- ▶ Don't be embarrassed about God's gift of sex
- ▶ Use correct anatomical terms
- ▶ Three Areas To Address: 1) The biology of reproduction, 2) God's design for sex, 3) Abstinence before marriage.
- ▶ Use the Bible as the primary text book (Genesis 1 & 2; Genesis 39; 2 Samuel 11; 2 Samuel 13:1-20; Proverbs 5; Song of Solomon; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 2 Timothy 2:22; Hebrews 13:4)

# What To Model

- ▶ Communicate affection and love to your spouse before your children
- ▶ Be a model of purity when it comes to your TV shows, movies and magazines
- ▶ Be normal and natural in your discussions about sexual matters
- ▶ Use family meals, family devotions, or Christian videos as opportunities to talk about sex with your children.

# Discussion

- ▶ Why is biblical marriage sacred to God and a solid foundation for society?
- ▶ What lies are used to excuse sexual sin?
- ▶ What measures do you enact to guard your purity?
- ▶ Why are we told to fight many temptations, but flee when it comes to lust?