



DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

Introduction:

I. SEXUAL ADULTERY

A. What is prohibited?

B. What provision has God made?

I Corinthians 7:9

Mark 10:6-8

Romans 13:14

C. What are the penalties?

Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:11

II Samuel 11

Hebrews 13:4

This is a sin against...

“A culture that embraces adultery accepts within itself a poison pill for every other relationship, a toxic substance that threatens every other commitment.” – Al Mohler

II. SENSUAL ADULTERY

A. What does the Old Testament say about this?

Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-20; 6:24-35; 7:5-27, etc.

“Adultery is an act, not a state. People commit adultery; they do not live in adultery, except in the sense that they may continually practice it.” – Thomas Constable

B. What does the New Testament say?

I Corinthians 7:5,9

Matthew 5:27-32

Galatians 5:19-22

I Thessalonians 4:3-7

C. What does our experience teach us?

How can you built protective hedges:

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II. SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

A. What does this mean?

B. Why is this so serious?

Exodus 20:5

C. What can we do to gain the victory?

Conclusion:

“Take this rule: whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off your relish of spiritual things; in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself.”

Susanna Wesley's letter to her son, John Wesley
June 8, 1725

Food for Thought:

- 1) What factors do you think contribute to widespread adultery in our times?
- 2) What safeguards does the Bible commend for purity before and in marriage?
- 3) What purpose(s) is sex designed by God to serve in marriage?
- 4) What encouragement would you offer those who have suffered on either side of adultery?