

Affair-Proofing Your Marriage

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Exodus 20:14--You shall not commit adultery.

Hebrews 13:4--Husbands and wives must be faithful to each other. God will judge those who are immoral and commit adultery.

1. Make a _____ to God's

_____.

Psalms 119:9--How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

Proverbs 5:15 (GN)--Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone.

2. _____ the _____.

Proverbs 6:27-29--Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.

Proverbs 5:15--I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly.

Proverbs 6:32 (LB)--The one who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul.

Proverbs 6:26 (GN)--...adultery will cost a man all he has.

Hebrews 13:4b (GN)--God will judge those who are immoral and commit adultery.

3. _____ my _____.

1 Corinthians 7:3 (GN)--A man should fulfill his duty as a husband and a woman should fulfill her duty as a wife, and each should satisfy the other's needs.

The Top Ten List

Top Five Needs of Most Men

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Top Five Needs of Most Women

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

1 Corinthians 7:5 (Ph)--Do not cheat each other of normal sexual intercourse...or you will expose yourselves to the obvious temptation of Satan.

4. _____ my _____.

How Affairs Develop:

1. Accepting _____ in my mind.

James 1:14-15 (LB)--*Temptation is the pull of a person's own evil thoughts and wishes. These evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to death.*

2 Timothy 2:22 (Ph)--Turn your back on lustful desires and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love, and peace...

Romans 16:19--I want you to be wise about what is good and innocent about evil.

2. _____ involvement.

3. _____ involvement.

4. _____ the affair.

5. _____ proper _____.

Ephesians 5:3--But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality.

6. _____ the _____.

>> Recognize the _____ that weaken your _____.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (LB)--So be careful! If you are thinking, "Oh, I would never behave like that"--let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin.

>> Choose your _____.

1 Corinthians 15:33--Bad company corrupts good character.

>> Establish some _____.

Malachi 2:15--Guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with your wife.

The Pathway to Purity

1. _____ the _____.

2. _____ the relationship _____.

3. _____ all _____ with the person from now on.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think are the big keys to building a highly committed and faithful marriage?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. In addition to the guidelines discussed in this lesson, what other guidelines do you think are necessary to help cultivate a thriving marriage marked by fidelity and intimacy?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.