

Adultery: What is it? What Does It Do? How Do We Avoid It?

Proverbs 5:1-14; 6:20-35; 7

I. Introduction

- A. Definition of “Instructive”
- B. Marriage as Instructive

II. What is adultery?

- A. Physical violation of the marriage covenant.
- B. Not merely a physical act, a heart desire
- C. Idolatry, or apostasy from God

III. What does Adultery do to us?

- A. Adultery results in a breach with God and with God’s people
- B. Adulterers descend into irrationality
- C. Adultery brings a deep shame and regret
- D. Adultery always leads to more sin
- E. Adultery is a public shame

IV. How Do We Avoid Adultery?

- A. Guard the heart
- B. Say no; avoid situations; change habits
- C. Don’t disregard heritage of teaching and instruction
- D. Flee sexual temptation, do not presume to fight

V. Conclusion

Additional Verses Cited

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

Matthew 19:6, “So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Hebrews 13:4 says “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.”

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

James 1:14-15 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

2 Corinthians 10:5 “we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

James 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Proverbs 6:32 “He who commits adultery lacks sense.”

Proverbs 5:9-10 ... lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, and at the end of your life you groan,

Proverbs 7:14 was brazen enough to say “I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows; so now I have come out to meet you

Proverbs 6:33 He will get wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be wiped away

Proverbs 6:30 “People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry,”

Numbers 32:23 “be sure your sin will find you out.”

Proverbs 5:12-14 “How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! **13** I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. **14** I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation.”

Proverbs 7:22-23 22 All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.

Proverbs 5:22-23 22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. 23 He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.

Proverbs 6:27-28 27 Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned?
28 Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched?

Proverbs 5:2 says “keep discretion and let your lips guard knowledge.”

Proverbs 7:5 says “Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths,”

Galatians 5:16-17 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Proverbs 5:7 “do not depart from the words of my mouth.”

Proverbs 6:23 “a lamp, and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, to preserve you from the evil woman...”

1 Corinthians 6:18 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

2 Timothy 2:22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Allusions to: Proverbs 7:4, Proverbs 6:25, Proverbs 5:8