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Sunday, May 18, 2008

**“AFFAIR-PROOFING MARRIAGE”**

(Exodus 20:14)

The issues are complicated and the sin destructive. Jesus taught, “*You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart*” (Matthew 5:27-28, NIV). Today we address the sanctity of marriage and the biblical view of sexual purity.

<b>What can you do to safeguard your marriage?</b>
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1. Don't listen to a member of the opposite sex tell you his or her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Women do not go fishing for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Be aware of a \_\_\_\_\_ between you and a member of the opposite sex.
4. Avoid a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Avoid a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Minimize \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Choose your \_\_\_\_\_ carefully.

<b>What do you do if you are losing the temptation battle?</b>
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1. Acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. End the relationship \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ with that person from now on.

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*“Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband” (1 Corinthians 7:1-3, NIV).*

*“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral” (Hebrews 13:4, NIV).*

*“You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:27-28, NIV).*

*“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word” (Psalm 119:9, NIV).*

*“How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9, NIV).*

*“Drink water from your own well—share your love only with your wife” (Proverbs 5:15, NLT).*

**1. Don't listen to a member of the opposite sex tell you his or her marriage problems.**

**2. Women do not go fishing for compliments.**

**3. Be aware of a sense of electricity between you and a member of the opposite sex.**

**4. Avoid a prolonged stare.**

**5. Avoid a lingering touch.**

*“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people” (Ephesians 5:3, NIV).*

**6. Minimize opportunity.**

*“If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience” (1 Corinthians 10:12-13, NIV).*

**7. Choose your friends carefully.**

*“Bad company corrupts good character” (1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV).*

*“Guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth” (Malachi 2:15, NIV).*

**1. Acknowledge the sin.**

*“If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7, NIV).*

*“Go now and leave your life of sin” (John 8:11, NIV).*

**2. End the relationship immediately.**

*“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts” (Hebrews 3:15, NIV).*

**3. Avoid all contact with that person from now on.**

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Sunday, May 25, 2008

**“THE GIFT OF LIFE”**  
(Exodus 20:13)

Jesus is called the “Author of life” in the Bible. Today we address the commandment regarding murder. What does this command mean for us as followers of Jesus Christ who is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life?”

*“And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man”* (Genesis 9:5-6, NIV).

**WHAT DOES THIS COMMAND NOT MEAN?**

1. It is not prohibiting \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 9:3, NIV).
2. It is not prohibiting \_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 24:17, NIV).
3. It's not prohibiting \_\_\_\_\_ (Ecclesiastes 3:8, NIV).

**HOW THIS COMMAND APPLIES TO THE FAMILY**

1. God says NO to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV).
2. God says NO to \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 12:10, NIV).
3. God says NO to \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 139:13-16, NIV).

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**WHAT DOES THIS COMMAND NOT MEAN?**

**1. It is not prohibiting killing animals.**

*“Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything” (Genesis 9:3, NIV).*

**2. It is not prohibiting capital punishment.**

*“If anyone takes the life of a human being, he must be put to death” (Leviticus 24:17, NIV).*

*“For government is God’s servant to you for good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because it does not carry the sword for no reason. For government is God’s servant, an avenger that brings wrath on the one who does wrong” (Romans 13:4, HCSB).*

**3. It’s not prohibiting going to war.**

*“There is a time for war” (Ecclesiastes 3:8, NIV).*

**HOW THIS COMMAND APPLIES TO THE FAMILY**

**1. God says NO to suicide.**

*“We do not live or die for ourselves” (Romans 14:7, NCV).*

*“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you*

*were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV).*

*“Man’s days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed” (Job 14:5 , NIV).*

## **2. God says NO to mercy killing.**

*“In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind” (Job 12:10, NIV).*

## **3. God says NO to abortion.**

*“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb...your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Psalm 139:13-16, NIV).*

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations” (Jeremiah 1:4-5, NIV).*

*“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:21-24, NIV).*

