

“Marital Faithfulness”

Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 5:15-23

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“You shall not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14 (English Standard Version)

“adultery” = Hebrew = *na’aph* = having sex with someone who is not your spouse, whether they are married or unmarried

AN EXCLUSIVE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR SPOUSE IS FOR OUR WELL-BEING AND ENJOYMENT.

Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Proverbs 5:15 (ESV)

EACH BELIEVER HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT HIS OR HER MARRIAGE.

Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? ¹⁷Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Proverbs 5:16-17 (ESV)

Three Forces that Work Against Marriage

- An unfulfilling marriage

- Lust

“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. Matthew 5:27-28 (ESV)

- **Distance** from God

BELIEVERS MUST CONTINUE TO DIRECT OUR SEXUALITY TOWARD OUR SPOUSE THROUGHOUT MARRIAGE.

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, ¹⁹a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. ²⁰Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? . . . ²²The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.
Proverbs 5:18-20, 22-23 (ESV)

OUR GOD SEES OUR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.

For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths.
Proverbs 5:21 (ESV)