

FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE

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“A family splintered by feuding will fall apart.” Luke 11:17

THE PROBLEM OF IMMORALITY

“You must not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14

1. The physical consequence.

“Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.” 1 Corinthians 6:18

2. The spiritual consequence.

“Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshipers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals...none of these will have a share in the Kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

3. The emotional consequence.

“If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace.” Romans 8:6

4. The relational consequence.

“Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.” Hebrews 13:4

THE PROTECTION OF YOUR MARRIAGE

1. Make Christ your focus.

“Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is useless.” Psalm 127:1

YAHWEH translated means “God Who is more than enough.”

2. Keep the fire in the fireplace.

“Enjoy life with the wife you love....” Ecclesiastes 9:9

“Do not deprive each other of sexual relations...so that Satan won't be able to tempt them because of their lack of self-control.” 1 Corinthians 7:5

3. Beware of sparks.

“Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” Ephesians 4:29

4. Intentionalize containment.

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INFIDELITY IS A PROCESS:

- **Accepting sinful thoughts.**

“You have heard that the law of Moses says, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

- **Emotional involvement.**

“Keep your head in all situations.” 2 Timothy 4:5

- **Physical involvement.**

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5. Avoid flammables.

“I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar.” Psalm 101:3

“Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust. Follow anything that makes you want to do right. Pursue faith and love and peace, and enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.” 2 Timothy 2:22

6. Carefully consider the consequences.

“But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul.” Proverbs 6:32

“For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, and sleeping with another man's wife may cost you your very life.” Proverbs 6:26