

Honor Your Marriage Vows

The Ten Commandments

“You shall not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14

What is the purpose of marriage?

1. An intimate _____

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Genesis 2:18

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. Genesis 2:20b-22

The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” Genesis 2:23

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. Genesis 2:24-25

Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ Mark 10:6

‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” Mark 10:7-9

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

2. Marriage provides opportunity for the _____ relationship.

What is the purpose of marriage?

The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:3-4

Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. **1 Corinthians 7:5**

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**

3. Marriage is for procreation.

What is the purpose of marriage?

*God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." **Genesis 1:28***

4. Marriage is an _____ of Christ and His church.

What is the purpose of marriage?

*For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **Ephesians 5:23***

*"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church." **Ephesians 5:31-32***

What do we protect our marriages from?

1. Guard the sanctity of marriage by protecting it from

_____ .

***When you share your body,
you share more than just the physical.***

Living together before marriage

- Sexually immoral
- Gives the appearance of evil
“Avoid every appearance of evil.” 1 Thessalonians 5:22

2. Protect your marriage from _____ - _____ sex.

What do we protect our marriages from?

“If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death. Leviticus 20:10

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18

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

Sexual sin carries more consequences.

- Guilt
- Disease
- Abortion
- An unwanted child
- An unwanted marriage
- Divorce
- Broken families
- Financial loss from divorce
—(50% + lawyer fees)

But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. Matthew 5:32

3. Guard against _____.

What do we protect our marriages from?

“Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable. Leviticus 18:22

4. Protect your marriage from _____.

What do we protect our marriages from?

“Lust is a thought or a feeling that I cherish and I hold onto that if I did what I was thinking it would clearly be sin.” —John Maxwell

“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

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
Matthew 5:29

Hedges to Protect Your Marriage

1. Know your _____
2. Realize the power of your eyes

*“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. **Job 31:1***

3. Beware of isolation and concealment
4. List the consequences of sexual sin
5. Extinguish chemical reactions that have _____
6. Love your spouse

There is a difference between struggling with a sin and flaunting an immoral lifestyle which tarnishes the witness of Christ and the church.

You cannot repent of the sin and casually _____ in the relationship, expecting God to forgive you.

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