X COMMANDMENTS

DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

GROW GUIDE

You radically love God by not committing adultery!

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DEFINE ADULTERY

Adultery is covenant-breaking sex.
The same act God designed to make a covenant becomes the act of breaking it!

ADULTERY OF THE FLESH:

- *Physical act* of sex with someone not your spouse
- *Breaks covenant* before people
- Seen by others
- Brings *public consequences*
- Requires *repentance* and *restoration*

ADULTERY OF THE HEART:

- Lustful *thoughts or desires* toward someone who is not your spouse
- Violates covenant purity *before God*
- Hidden, but *seen by God*
- Brings *spiritual consequences*
- Requires *repentance* and *renewal of the mind*

Every sexual act is spiritual – it's either worship with God or warfare against Him.

Spiritual Consequences of Sexual Sin

- Sex outside of marriage forges **ungodly unions** (soul ties) that invite **demonic influence**. (1 Corinthians 6:15–18)
- Sexual sin is a **spiritual exchange** without covenant covering. Sex outside of marriage imitates covenant intimacy without covenant covering!
- Sex is **never** casual – it's covenantal or counterfeit.

Warning: Sexual immorality is opening the door to demonic activity in your life!

5 Ways to Break Soul Ties

1. ***Repentance*** – opens the door for the mercy and grace in the power of the cross. (Acts 3:19)
2. ***Submit to God*** – letting go of your partnership with the demonic and partnering with God. (James 4:7)
3. ***Deliverance*** – let God's goodness remove everything that's not from Him. (Psalm 34:17)
4. **Confession** – brings sin to light for healing and invites healing through community and accountability. (James 5:16)
5. **Pursue Holiness** – protect what deliverance restores, keeping your heart free, pure, and devoted to God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

MARRIAGE & DIVORCE

Define Marriage:

Marriage is God's covenant between **one man** and **one woman**, joined by God, becoming **one flesh for life**. (Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:31–32)

5 Elements of a Strong Marriage:

1. ***Radical Love*** – sacrificial, not emotional. (Ephesians 5:25)
2. ***Covenant Faithfulness*** – keeping vows before God. (Malachi 2:14)
3. ***Forgiveness & Grace*** – resets covenant when failure occurs. (Colossians 3:13, 1 Peter 4:8)
4. ***Honor & Respect*** – reflects mutual submission. (Ephesians 5:33)
5. ***Unity in the Spirit*** ("One Flesh") – spiritual, emotional, and physical oneness. (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:6)

Define Divorce:

Divorce is the **human act** of dissolving a divine covenant –**tearing apart** what God joined (Matthew 19:6). It's **covenantal treason**, caused by demonic involvement !

Biblical Grounds for Divorce

- **Adultery** – God's first desire is repentance and reconciliation. (Matthew 19:9)
- **Abandonment** – When an unbelieving spouse rejects covenant and walks away, the believing spouse is no longer bound. (1 Corinthians 7:15)
- **Abuse (Implied)** – Scripture condemns violence, control, and harm. Abuse violates the spirit of covenant love. Divorce is the last resort when a heart remains hard and danger persists.

Warning: Be careful not to interpret Scripture through the lens of personal empathy!

Forgiveness & Redemption

There is always a path of right standing with God (1 Corinthians 6:11)

God has power to redeem any marriage!

"Nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

The fruit of forgiveness is JOY!

APPLICATION

QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF:

- Where do I need repentance and renewal?
- Am I living with covenant purity before God and/or my spouse?
- Am I practicing faithfulness in thought, word, and action?

QUESTIONS FOR GOD:

- God, show me any hidden areas of impurity in my heart.
- What soul ties or false bonds need to be broken in my life?
- How can I pursue holiness daily, not just in moments?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHERS:

- What boundaries help you walk in sexual purity?
- How can we hold each other accountable in love, not shame?
- What does a covenant-centered relationship look like in practice?

STEWARDING PURITY:

- **Confess quickly and often.** Temptation dies when exposed.
- **Starve the source.** Don't feed what you want freedom from.
- **Replace temptation with encounter.** Walk by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16)
- **Protect your covenant.** Guard your eyes, your heart, and your time.
- **Honor marriage.** Pray for your spouse or future spouse daily.
- **Invest in your marriage.** Go on marriage retreats!

PRAYER OF RADICAL LOVE.

Father, I really do love You. I call You Holy, You call me Beloved! Thank You for loving me. Today I love on You. Would You love on me? Your love is perfect. I want to love like You! Help me love my neighbor and my enemy. Teach me how to war in love. I pray the love of God casts out all fear. Shame, go! Glory of God come fill me. Holy Spirit help me to love what You love and hate what You hate. I choose to obey You today! Lord, I love You with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. I pray today to encounter Your radical love! Amen.