

“Path to Purity”

Exodus 20:14

Breaking the Command... Strictly speaking this command forbids a married person to have sex with any person besides their spouse. But as with all the other commands, the implications go much further. As the Westminster Catechism states, “The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste (sexually impure) thoughts, words, and actions.” Jesus words in Matthew 5: 27-28 make the far reaching implications of this command absolutely clear.

Dangers of Sexual Sin... When we disregard God’s law and live in sexual sin, we destroy the blessings of marriage, sex, and family. And not only is marriage attacked but also the more primary relationship that marriage represents, that of Christ and His bride, the Church!

Becoming Pure... Thankfully, there is hope for adulterers and sexually immoral persons. This hope begins with the forgiveness of God in Christ (I Corinthians 6: 11). Christ rescues us from our guilt and sin, and enables us to live a new life of purity as we listen to the purity building wisdom of the Scriptures (I Corinthians 6: 18, Matthew 5: 29-30, & Proverbs 5: 8).

Questions for Discussion:

1. How have you witnessed the destruction of sexual sin?
2. Why does a marriage that lasts glorify God?
3. How has God helped you to flee from sexual temptation?
4. How would you counsel a person who confessed to being involved in adultery?

(Scripture Meditation: Ex. 20:15 & Mtt. 6:19-24)