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Part 7

TITLE: Choose Wisely

THEME: You shall not commit adultery.



The 7th Commandment of God

Exodus 20:14 (NIV)

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Matthew 5:27-29 (NIV)

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²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, 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. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.



Adultery (also called philandery, anglicized from Latin *adulterium*) is;

Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than the lawful spouse.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia

Adultery is
first and
foremost **Sin**



Is Adultery Wrong?



Why? Because it breaks one of the first covenants established in the Bible.

Genesis 2 (NASB)

²⁴ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Marriage is a covenant or a commitment.

If the integrity (virginity) of the wife was intact at the time of the marriage then a blood covenant was established on the wedding night. *Note that lack of sexual purity on either parties part does not weaken the level of commitment each is expected to adhere to.*

Adultery is a violation or breaking of that covenant. Man and woman were made to come together and stay together.



It is important to understand that **adultery** is more than just cheating on your spouse.

Sex is more than just a physical act, it is **spiritual** as well.

It is not two bodies lying together for a short time it is **two spirits coming together** in the most intimate way in which two human beings can encounter one another.

Don't do it!



Once two people encounter each other like this they are **not meant to separate.**

When this happens a tearing occurs and that is what causes pain.

This is one of the reasons that divorce is so painful for both the man and woman.

As a matter of fact, the only biblical excuse for divorce is adultery.

Matthew 5:32 (NIV)

*³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, **except for sexual immorality**, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*



Do I Have To Have Sex In Order To Commit Adultery?

No! According to the Word of God all you have to do is lust after someone other than your spouse.

Adultery begins in the heart long before it becomes physical.

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How does Adultery become part of your life?

It comes about by the **choices** you make.

- You have to **choose** to lust after someone other than your spouse.
- You have to **choose** to take the first step in making contact with the person you desire.
- You **choose** to set a time and place to meet.
- You **choose** to enter into a physical relationship.

Choose Wisely



Adultery comes about by **choice**.

Just as you choose to commit adultery you can choose to honour your wedding vows and be faithful to your spouse.

James 1:13-15 (NASB)

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “ I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ **But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.** ¹⁵ **Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.**



CHOICE!

If man chooses the will of God he is not denying but exercising his right of choice.

What he is doing is admitting that he is not good enough to desire the highest choice nor is he wise enough to make it, and he is for that reason asking God who is both wise and good to make his choice for him. *TOZER*

Psalm 40:8 (NASB)

⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God;
Your Law is within my heart.”



What guides our choices?

What we take in daily sensitizes us to choose.

If they can do it and society accepts it then so can I.

NO! If God's Word says it, then that is it, no matter what I believe.

Thought!

Choosing God's will is a personal choice of each of us.

Choosing His will as He has already and continues to show it to us is a pattern of daily living.

Dramatic life change results!

Jesus was tempted to make a choice



During the temptation in the wilderness, Satan offered to give Jesus "all the kingdoms of the world...and the glory of them"

Luke 4 (NASB)

*⁵And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; **for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.** ⁷Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."*

- He was not bluffing.
- This world really is Satan's to give to whom he will.



How did Jesus respond?

NOTE! Jesus did not dispute Satan's boast that this world had been ***handed over to me***, [by God]; and to ***whomsoever I wish***."

The conditions upon which Satan offered this world to Christ were clear:

"If you bow down and worship me"

Jesus **refused** to bow down to Satan.

Beware! For the kingdoms and glories of this world are still the favours Satan bestows in order to entice today's recipients into worshipping him.

And Jesus answer?



“It is written”

“YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.”





So how do we respond to today's message?

Begin by repenting.

God promises the following because it was accomplished at the Cross.

1 John 1:9 (NASB)

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The psalmist sings:



Psalm 121:5-8 (NASB)

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;

The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ The sun will not smite you by day,

Nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will protect you from all evil;

He will keep your soul.

⁸ The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in.

From this time forth and forever.



1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

*31 So whether you eat or drink or **whatever you do**, do it all for the glory of God.*

Does adultery bring glory to God?

No, certainly not.



So Living in Jesus name requires
that we make the correct choices.

FACT – When we choose God's will for our lives

Life is not cluttered but abundant.

Amen

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