

## THE DEVASTATION OF ADULTERY:

ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

- **Adultery damages your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Corinthians 6:16 (NLT)** *And don't you know that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one."*

- **Adultery damages \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 6:32 (NLT)** *But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul.*

- **Adultery damages your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Exodus 34:7b (NLT)** *Even so I do not leave sin unpunished, but I punish the children for the sins of their parents to the third and fourth generations.*

- **Adultery damages the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Corinthians 5:6b (NLT)** *Don't you realize that if even one person is allowed to go on sinning, soon all will be affected?*

- **Adultery damages your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 Samuel 12:14 (NLT)** *But you have given the enemies of the LORD great opportunity to despise and blaspheme him ...*

- **Adultery damages your relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Genesis 39:9b (NLT)** *How could I ever do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.*

### 4. Walk away, and start \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **the sin. Stop rationalizing it!**
- **End the relationship \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Avoid all \_\_\_\_\_ with that person.**
- **Get your \_\_\_\_\_ back on track.**

**1 Corinthians 15:33-34** *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13** *Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that*

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

**MARRIAGE IS A \_\_\_\_\_, NOT A \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **Contracts say, “I will if you will.”**
- **Covenants say, “I will even if you won’t.”**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

**Exodus 20:14** Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**ADULTERY / ADULTERATE = “to \_\_\_\_\_”**

**LO NA’APH (Hebrew) = “No apostatizing!” To apostatize is to abandon one’s \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Colossians 3:5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

**Ephesians 5:15-33** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. *(continued ...)*

### **HOW TO COMMIT ADULTERY:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your marriage.
2. Form an \_\_\_\_\_ bond with someone else.
3. Make \_\_\_\_\_ to be together.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ whenever possible.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ your actions.

### **HOW TO PROTECT YOUR MARRIAGE:**

1. Radically reduce the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 5:8-10** Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

**Matthew 5:28** But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

- **Never be alone with the \_\_\_\_\_ people.**
- **Never talk \_\_\_\_\_ about your marriage.**
- **Surround yourself with \_\_\_\_\_ marriages.**
- **Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ situations & communication.**

**James 1:14-15** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**Romans 16:19** For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

**Ephesians 5:3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

## 2. Invest \_\_\_\_\_ in your marriage.

**Whenever the grass starts to look greener somewhere else, it's time to \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Proverbs 5:15-20** Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

**SHAGAH (Hebrew) = “ \_\_\_\_\_, enraptured, intoxicated, \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

**1 Corinthians 7:2-4** Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

## 3. Visualize the potential \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 5:3-5** For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

### REALITY CHECK:

- **What % actually marry their forbidden lover? \_\_\_\_\_**
- **What % of those marriages end in divorce? \_\_\_\_\_**
- **What % of affairs end in a lasting marriage? \_\_\_\_\_**