

6. Minimize the \_\_\_\_\_.

- **1 Corinthians 10:12 (LB)** So be careful! If you are thinking, "Oh, I would never behave like that" – let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin.
- **1 Corinthians 15:33 (NLT)** Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."
- **Malachi 2:15 (GN)** Guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with your wife.

**THE PATHWAY BACK TO PURITY:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the sin.
2. End the relationship \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Avoid all \_\_\_\_\_ with that person from now on.

*You are cordially invited to join us for **The Re-Wedding** on Sunday Evening, July 30 at 6:30, as dozens of couples renew their marriage vows in the biggest wedding in the history of Saint John.*

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**Habit 7: Protect Your Marriage**

*Sunday, July 9, 2000*

**Exodus 20:14 (NLT)** Do not commit adultery.

- The English word "adultery" comes from the same root as the word "adulterate," which means "\_\_\_\_\_."
- The Hebrew phrase is "Lo Na'aph," which also means "no apostatizing." To apostatize means "\_\_\_\_\_."
- **Colossians 3:5 (CEV)** Don't be controlled by your body. Kill every desire for the wrong kind of sex. Don't be immoral or indecent or have evil thoughts ...
- **Hebrews 13:4 (NLT)** Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

**HOW TO AFFAIR-PROOF YOUR MARRIAGE:**

1. Make a \_\_\_\_\_.

  - **Psalm 119:9 (NLT)** How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word and following its rules.
  - **Proverbs 5:15 (GN)** Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone.

2. Magnify the \_\_\_\_\_.

  - Here are **SIX GOOD REASONS** not to commit adultery:
    - A. You do incredible damage to 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."

- B. You do incredible damage to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- C. You do incredible damage to 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.*

- D. You do incredible damage to 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?*

- E. You do incredible damage to your \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- F. You sin against the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**3. Maximize your \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **1 Corinthians 7:3 (GN)** *A man should fulfill his duty as a husband, a wife should fulfill her duty as a wife, and each should satisfy the other's needs.*

**FIVE NEEDS OF MEN:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**FIVE NEEDS OF WOMEN:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

- A person's five basic emotional needs are so demanding that, if any of them go unmet at home, that spouse becomes vulnerable to the temptation of \_\_\_\_\_. That tragic result is almost certain if someone \_\_\_\_\_ the marriage begins to fulfill the need that is not being met \_\_\_\_\_ the marriage.
- **Here is the Lord's primary provision for sexual temptations:**
- **1 Corinthians 7:2-5 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup> *But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.* <sup>3</sup> *The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband.* <sup>4</sup> *The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband also gives authority over his body to his wife.* <sup>5</sup> *So do not deprive each other of sexual relations. The only exception to this rule would be the agreement of both husband and wife to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time, so they can give themselves more completely to prayer. Afterward they should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt them because of their lack of self-control.*

- A. Due to sexual immorality, each person should \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Married partners are to fulfill their \_\_\_\_\_
- C. God commands you to stop depriving each other of \_\_\_\_\_

- **AFFECTION IS THE \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**SEX IS THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **1 Corinthians 7:3 (JB)** *The husband must give his wife what she has the right to expect, and so too the wife to the husband.*

**4. Manage your \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **James 1:14-15 (LB)** *Temptation is the pull of a person's own evil thoughts and wishes. These evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to death.*
- **Romans 16:19 (GN)** *I want you to be wise about what is good and innocent in what is evil.*

**5. Maintain proper \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)** *But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity ...*