

Unconventional Jesus: Adultery script

Current studies of American couples show that 20-40% of married men and 20-25% of married women will have an extramarital affair during their lifetime. That's between ¼ and ½ of men and about ¼ of ladies.

It should not be called an extramarital affair. It IS Adultery. And it is a timeless subject. Today, I will give you 6 different ways you can prevent adultery.

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I will give you those 6 in just a moment.

The fundamental motivation for these 6 positive preventions is what the unconventional Jesus said in Matthew 5, "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; (28) but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Jesus refers to the way everyone has ALWAYS considered adultery. It is ok to think about it, just don't do it. Flirt all you want, just no sex.

But, Jesus tells us adultery begins in your heart when you look at a woman with intent. In your mind, She's Hot. In your mind, I gotta have her. In your mind, you plan how you will get her.

Then Jesus tells everyone who listens about 2 extreme ideas. He uses overstatements meant to grab your attention.

So if your eye, or your hand, causes this sin (or any other sin), it would be better if you plucked it out, or cut it off, than to do what your heart is wanting to do.

Now, the Preventions.

The 1st Prevention is not conventional. Avoid every time a statement or innuendo is made toward this unfaithfulness. Avoid books or magazines that contain it. Television frequently mentions "extra-marital affairs". Don't watch that show. If you have friends that talk about flirting, you need new friends. Avoid adding adultery to your heart.

A second positive preventative is to AVOID IDLENESS. Instead of working out the details of how you will "steal" that gorgeous married woman away from her mate, do something constructive. It is not in the Bible, but is still true: "An empty mind in the devil's workshop". So, Stay busy. Fix the faucet in the bathroom. Vacuum the carpet or dust the furniture, again. Mow the lawn. Just don't be idle.

A Third prevention is to be careful about recreation. Do not go to places where men/women expose their bodies to other individuals possibly for the purpose of “advertising” their sexual abilities or creating sexual intrigue. Instead, go fishing, hiking, use the grill. How about photographing flowers, or old barns, or animals? , or My favorite motorcycle riding.

Prevention Number 4, When temptations are presented, DO NOT PLAY with the idea, but RUN from them. Temptation begins within us, according to James 1. To think about it is to play with fire. You will get burned. Do not take the time to rationalize it. ADULTERY IS WRONG. Period. It can not be changed into something innocent, sweet and pure. Instead, RUN from the temptation. RUN toward God. And that leads to the next prevention.

Prevention Number 5, Consider how “short term” adultery can be. IF, and I said, IF you were to able to get that other man's wife, how secure would your new relationship be? Couldn't some other sexy man “steal” her away from you? And how would that leave you feeling? Angry? Crushed? Instead consider 2 things that will last much longer. Heaven with all God's love, joy, and peace. And consider Hell, with its ETERNAL pain and suffering, and spending all of it with all those other wife-stealing-adulterers.

We saved the BEST prevention for last. It is a properly functioning marriage. Listen to 1 Cor 7. “But because of IMMORALITIES, each man is to have HIS OWN wife, and each woman is to have HER OWN husband. (3) The husband MUST FULFILL HIS DUTY to his wife, and LIKEWISE also the wife to her husband. (4) The WIFE DOES NOT have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the HUSBAND DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY over his own body, but the wife does. (5) STOP DEPRIVING ONE ANOTHER, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again SO THAT SATAN WILL NOT TEMPT YOU because of your LACK of self-control.” A properly functioning heterosexual marriage supplies all the intimate needs of your mate, and your own.

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