

Keeping Your Vows Notes

Exodus 20:14

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Main Point: Protect your marriage by practicing purity.

Observations

1. This command is directed to _____ individual.
2. It's stated in the strong _____.

The Principle Behind the Command

1. Faithfulness to the covenant of marriage is the foundation of the _____.
2. "Holy sexuality consists of two paths: chastity in singleness and _____ in marriage" - Christopher Yuan.
3. Monogamous marriage is God's plan (Genesis 2:18-25).
4. Essence of marriage
 - Leaving
 - Cleaving
 - Weaving
5. Marriage is designed by God to be a _____ bond: One man with one woman pledged in a public covenant-commitment to live together faithfully as husband and wife for life (Hebrews 13:4).
6. Any sexual expression outside the confines of a marital relationship of one man and one woman is a _____ against God.

The Prohibitions of the Command

1. Adultery – a sexual relationship between a _____ individual with someone other than their spouse.
 - The word "adulterate" means to make impure by _____ extraneous, improper, or inferior ingredients.
 - Adultery is a turning away from a promise made in the presence of witnesses and of _____ Himself (2 Peter 2:14, Deuteronomy 22:22).
2. Sexual Immorality
 - Fornication is any sexual expression outside the bonds of the marital relationship, including _____ sex.
 - From the biblical standpoint all sex outside the bounds of marriage is sin against God and your _____ marriage partner (Ephesians 5:3).
3. _____ (Matthew 5:27-28)
4. _____ (Romans 1:26-27, 32).
5. Edgewood's stance on sexuality and gender.
 - Gender – Genesis 1:27 is clear that gender is _____ by God Himself.
 - Human Sexuality – "God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman."
 - Sexual abuse – All manner of sexual misconduct and abuse is abhorrent and _____.
 - EBC wedding policy – "a couple living together prior to marriage should change their living arrangements before seeking a Christian wedding and make a commitment to sexual _____ (Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)."
6. National Survey of Family Growth

- 45% of marriages resulting from first cohabitations had already dissolved.
- For evangelicals who had never cohabited, 79% of these marriages were still intact.

Prescriptions to help us Keep the Command

1. _____ yourself in your spirit (Malachi 2:15-16).
 - Guard means “to hedge with thorns” or “to _____ by attending to.”
2. Practical ways to keep your marriage covenant
 - Take responsibility to grow _____ – your greatest challenge is what is going on inside of you (2 Peter 3:18).
 - Stay _____ no matter what.
 - Set up some practical _____ – avoid flirting, don’t be alone with the doors closed, Be careful how you touch a member of the opposite sex.
 - _____ Scripture (Psalm 119:9,11).
 - _____ what you watch (Job 31:1).
 - Avoid spiritual _____ (2 Corinthians 6:14).
 - Recognize your _____ (1 Corinthians 10:12).
 - Look for a way to _____ temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).
 - Magnify the _____ (Proverbs 6:32-33).
 - _____ from sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 6:18).
3. Any step _____ from your spouse is a step toward adultery.

The Pathway Back to Purity

1. Your sanctification is linked to _____ your sexual impulses (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5).
2. Adultery is inherently secretive and _____ because no one wants to trumpet they are breaking a promise.
3. Psalm 32 is David’s pathway back to purity.
 - He _____ a threefold description of his sin
 - Transgression depicts a _____ disobedience toward God.
 - Sin means to _____ the mark of God’s perfection either through acts of commission or omission.
 - Iniquity represents a crookedness, deformity, or _____.
 - David also uses a triad of words to express the fullness of his _____.
 - Forgiven means “to _____ a heavy burden and carry it away.
 - Covered refers to that which is _____.
 - “Counts no iniquity” – God does not count our sins against us. He has imputed the _____ of our Redeemer.
4. When David tried to ignore his iniquities, his bones felt like they were _____.
5. “Groaning” was used to describe the roar of a _____ animal, or the growl of a bear.
6. The secret you want most to conceal is the one you most need to _____.
7. David could not rest from the cries of his conscience and the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
 - “Heavy” means “to grievously _____.”
 - God loves us just the way we are but loves us too much to let us _____ living the way we are (Hebrews 12:10).
8. We can’t expect God to cover what we’re not willing to _____.
9. The greatest holdout to the healing of my unholy hang-ups is _____.
10. God wants to _____ more than we want to be forgiven.
 - Sexual sin can be forgiven.
 - Think of what Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery in John 8:11 “Neither do I condemn you...Go, and from now on sin _____ more.”