

Adultery: intimate physical relations between a married person and someone outside the marriage covenant

“eyes full of adultery”

1. Seductive glances to entice to sin
2. Having a heart so bent on sexual desire that everything they see fuels that desire.

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... those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful...They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls...2Peter 2:10, 13-14

To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

Titus 1:15

Avoiding the Temptation of Adultery

1. Never be complacent.

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12

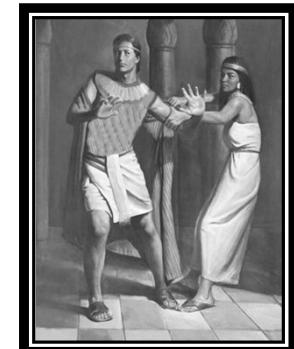


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2. Find a way out. Distance yourself.

...God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape...
1 Corinthians 10:13

Flee from sexual immorality...
1 Corinthians 6:18



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3. Remember who you belong to, and avoid tempting situations.

...make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:14

...take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:13

...How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" - Genesis 39:9

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ...

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Genesis 2:18, 23

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. - Ephesians 5:31-32

Proverbs 5: God's Design for Intimacy in Marriage

1. Physical relations are to be between a husband and wife exclusively. vv 15-17
2. It is to be enjoyable, exciting, and tender. vv 18-19
3. Husband and wife are to be pleased with the physical assets of their mates. vv19-20

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.'

1. Who is speaking?
2. Who is the audience?
3. What is the context?

...unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20

Repeated thoughts →action

Repeated actions →habit

Repeated habits→life

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

What do we do with sin? Psalm 51

- Confess: acknowledge that I have rebelled against God and that God has the right to condemn me for my sin

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Psalm 51:4

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- Repent: See my sin as foul and filthy as it really is

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow...Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:7, 10

No excuses or justifications
A changed way of thinking and acting

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- Ask forgiveness

... Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ... Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. - Psalm 51:1-2, 9

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- Make our relationship to God our highest priority

Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. ... The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Psalm 51:11-12, 17 NLT

Will God accept me if I have committed adultery?

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32

...the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
Luke 19:10

...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:8-9