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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

MATTHEW 5:27-32

I. Sexual _____ is confined to the biblical definition of marriage.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ... It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery." vv. 27, 31-32

- A. God designed sex to be experienced inside the bounds of marriage.
- B. Biblical marriage is based on a *covenantal*, not *contractual*, relationship.
- C. Remarriage was permitted in the case of sexual immorality.

II. Sexual _____ includes the thoughts of one's heart.

"But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart." v. 28

ATTRACTION > TEMPTATION > LUST > ACTION > ADULTERY

- A. Lust implies a lack of contentment with what God has provided.
- B. Lust objectifies people and taints our present circumstances.
- C. Lust creates a thirst that's insatiable and craves the unattainable.

III. Sexual _____ necessitates drastic measures for future well-being.

"If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell." vv. 29-30

(RE)COMMIT TO SEXUAL INTEGRITY

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. ... James 4:7-8a*

Submit to God's ways, which leads to God's _____ .

Resist the devil by removing _____ .

Draw near to God to find His _____ .

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. What do you think it looks like for someone to have sexual integrity, whether single or married?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 5:37

"Let what you say be simply Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 5:27-32

"The Fall distorted and perverted the marriage relationship.

Henceforth the wife's 'desire' for her husband would no longer be the desire to help but the desire to control—the same desire that sin had for Cain (see Gen. 4:7, where the identical Hebrew construction is used). For the man's part, his 'rule' over his wife henceforth would be one of stern control, in opposition to her desire to control him. At the Fall the battle of the sexes began, and women's liberation and male chauvinism have ever since been clouding and corrupting the divine plan for marriage."

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2. Read Matthew 5:27-32. According to Jesus, is the nature of the sin of sexual impurity internal, or external? What about the solution? Why is this so important to understand?

3. How should the church respond to divorce, both in principle and in practice? How does the church's response to divorce make people uncomfortable, and what does that say about our willingness to follow Jesus' teaching?

4. Is marriage a spiritual or a physical union? Explain how the answer affects a couple's approach to marriage or a single person's approach to sex before marriage.

5. Read this quote by Warren Wiersbe:

"How do we get victory? By purifying the desires of the heart (appetite leads to action) and disciplining the actions of the body. ... The eye and the hand are usually the two 'culprits' when it comes to sexual sins, so they must be disciplined."

What does Wiersbe mean about the "eye" and the "hand" being culprits in sexual sin? In what areas do you need to ask the Holy Spirit to increase your capacity for discipline, especially for the "eye" and the "hand"?

FOR FURTHER STUDY on the issue of divorce:

Matthew 19:1-12

Mark 10:1-12

Luke 16:18

John 4:1-26

1 Corinthians 7:10-16, 39-40

Ephesians 5:31-33

JOURNAL Matthew 5:27-32

This subject of sexual integrity and divorce can be extremely difficult for many. What thoughts do you have concerning this passage and this sermon? Were there any ways the study of the passage provided new insights or helped you personally?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

SIGN UP FOR THE HSM FATHER AND DAUGHTER EVENT. For a parent, it's a sweet privilege to watch your daughter grow into the woman God has purposed for her to become during these high school years. Here at Student Ministries, we want to provide you with opportunities to walk alongside her as she continues to learn about who she is in Christ. Join us as we have a day at Pure Adventure dedicated to you pouring into her life through fun activities and a time of encouragement. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

CCBC ISRAEL TRIP 2022 We are excited to announce the return of our annual Israel trip led by Dr. Doug Cecil. Immerse yourself in the sights, culture and breathtaking landscape of the Holy Land and see the Bible come to life. To learn more, visit ccbcfamily.org/events.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET CONNECTED? If you're ready to start calling CCBC home, you'll want to check out our upcoming Connecting Point class next Sunday, March 6. Connecting Point is a three-week class that helps you understand our story, your own faith story, and how you can merge the two through membership. It's also a great time to meet new people and learn more about CCBC. If you want to learn more or sign up for a class, you can head over to ccbcfamily.org/cp.

JOIN US FOR OPERATION ZIP CODE! On Saturday, March 5 we'll be working alongside Freedom Shield Foundation, an organization countering human trafficking and religious minority persecution, to reach into our surrounding communities and provide meals for those in need. This will be an excellent time to serve together as a church and be the hands and feet of Jesus. If you want to learn more, go to ccbcfamily.org/events.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE OF KIDSCAMP 2022! KidsCamp is one of our favorite weeks around here, and we can't wait to have you share in all the fun on June 21-24. Join us as we serve the children in our community by sharing the Good News of Jesus. Volunteer registration has already begun, and kids' registration will open next Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. Sign up at ccbcfamily.org/events.

MUSICAMP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! MusiCamp is fast approaching, so mark your calendar for July 11-15. Children in Grades 1-6 will learn an entire musical in just one week! From catchy songs to choreography, your children will have a week full of dancing, learning and participating in the fun of making music. MusiCamp is run by exceptional volunteers and professional musicians. Registration begins next Sunday, March 6.



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