



The Ten Commandments.

Word 7: Do not commit adultery. Exodus 20: 14

“You shall not commit adultery” (Ex. 20:14). Technically, this commandment refers to being sexually involved with a married person; but it is traditionally used by extension to prohibit all sexual relationships outside of marriage. Again, this commandment involves a right relationship with God and with others. Adultery is possible only if people are prepared to hurt others, to enjoy themselves at the expense of other people. A right attitude toward keeping God first and not harming others is tied together in several commandments. A person who does not steal will not take another’s mate. And he does not allow covetous thoughts to grow in his mind. He wants God to have his total allegiance.

Be sensitive to individuals in your group who may be affected by this commandment, either known or unknown ☹.

- 1) What factors do you think contribute to the wide spread adultery today? How does this associate with divorce, pornography, child abuse etc?
- 2) What part does the media; magazines, film, T.V. internet, etc play in this moral compromise? How do you respond to this?

Many secular sources misquoted women as secondary to men. The suffragette movement and ‘women’s lib’ of the ‘60’s tried to change this. Galatians 3:28 dispels this inequality, as all being heirs together.

- 3) What does Ephesians 5:22-24 say about the relationship between a man and wife? How should husbands and wives respond to each other? See also 1 Peter 3:7.

The family is the fundamental building block of society. The marriage vow between a man and woman is a holy covenant that should not be violated by sexual unfaithfulness under any circumstances. This

commandment is designed to protect the institution of the family. Today 60% of marriages break down, with one in ten of these within the first two years.

- 4) Malachi 2:13,14 suggests a three way contract in marriage. Why is this?
- 5) Adultery begins with the desire in the heart—lust (Matt. 5:27,28) How can we avoid this? You may want to recap on Q2.
- 6) How are we to behave according to Romans 1 26,27? How are we to respond to those in this sort of relationship?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:17-40.

- 7) What does Paul teach on Marriage and singleness? Discuss your understanding and application of this.

“Marriage should be honoured by everyone, and husband and wife should keep their marriage pure. God will judge as guilty those who take part in sexual sins” (Hebrews 12:4).

- 8) How can we live according to Philippians 4:8?