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How to affair-proof our relationships

References and Resources

References

Gen 2:24

Ex 20:14

2 Sam 11-12

Prov 4:23

Prov 5-8

Job 31:1

Matt 5:28

Rom 12:1-2

1 Cor 6:12-20

1 Cor 10:12-13

Gal 6:7-8

Eph 4:20

Phil 2:12-13

1 Pet 5:8

1 Tim 5:1-2

2 Tim 2:22

James 4:7

Jude 1:24

Resources & Support

God often uses fellow Christians to walk alongside – support and encourage us through challenging times.

Support and resources are available.

- Alpha Marriage Course
- Pastoral Counselling
- Professional Marriage Counselling
- One on one support from others who have been through it too

Talk to Guy or Kate for more info

Definitions

Marriage

A lifelong covenant union, established by God, in which one man and one woman leave their families, are joined together, and become “one flesh,” reflecting God’s relationship with his people.

Adultery

The sin of a married man having sexual relations with anyone other than his wife or a married woman having sexual relations with anyone other than her husband.

Good News

God has designed marriage (including the sexual relationship within marriage) to be wonderful ,fulfilling, and successful

In Him we can affair-proof our marriage to be what he intended

WHAT are we affair proofing?

WHY do we need to affair proof our marriage?

HOW do we affair proof our marriage?

WHAT we are affair proofing

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Gen 2:24

One man + one woman in a life-long God-ordained covenant loving relationship

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WHY we must affirm our marriage

Sex outside of marriage is Destructive

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a man can commit is outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

1 Cor 6:18

WHY we must affair proof our marriage

Many have fallen, we must stay vigilant

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Pet 5:8

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 1 Cor 10:12

David and Bathsheba



Many have fallen, we must stay vigilant

The early church had to deal with immorality



Many have fallen, we must stay vigilant

Even Christian leaders fall today



Many have fallen, we must stay vigilant

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HOW we can affair proof our marriage

Guard our minds

You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matt 5:27-28

*... each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.
1 Cor 10:14-15*

“It is better to shun the bait than to struggle on the hook”

HOW we can affair proof our marriage

Guard our behavior

Keep to a path far from her [adulterous woman], do not go near the door of her house Prov 5:8

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Tim 2:22

Submit yourselves to God, resist the devil, and he will flee far from you Ja 4:7

Protecting ourselves from the dangers of immorality is Active, Deliberate, and Intentional

HOW we can affair proof our marriage

Work at it.. and keep working!

1) Respect

The 5 “R”s of a
successful marriage

Choose the lens of Respect and Appreciation

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2) Responsibility

The 5 “R”s of a
successful marriage

***Take Responsibility to fix the problems and build a
successful marriage***

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3) Relate

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successful marriage

Spend time together: Quality + Quantity

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4) *Romance*

Romance is a practice, not a personality trait

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5) *Resolve to make it work!*

The 5 “R”s of a
successful marriage

***Not just a lifetime commitment, but a lifetime of
committing***

God is more than able to help, heal, and restore

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us

Eph 4:20

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Guard our behavior

Work on our marriage

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