

MARRIAGE CHEATS

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"The man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." Lev. 20:10

Note... As I write this I am sure if you have a radio or TV you have heard our governor who charged into office prosecuting prostitution has been caught in the same lustful sin. When moral restraints are ignored, men in power think they are above the law. Shades of another Clinton; here we go again. Does personal freedom give the right to our leaders to break the law and sneak around in evil? Certainly not! Since the worlds crowd has outlawed the Bible they interpret wrong doing in the eyes men and forget the Lord. I hope as a Christian you will stand up against this gross evil. Immoral actions will always bring tragic results. Whatever they decide, the Bible is crystal clear. *"Behold ye have sinned against the Lord and be sure your sin will find you out,"* Numbers 32:23. Our dear nation continues to walk away from the standards of morality, whereby God judges a nation. Now we Christians have an obligation to obey the Lord. Now read carefully.

The Bible places heavy judgment on adultery. In the eyes of a Holy God it is a hateful sin and deliberate violation of His moral law. Their is no question as to the Bible's teaching on the matter. *"You shall not commit adultery"* Ex. 20:40. Nothing could be stated plainer as throughout scripture God clearly forbids this family destroying evil. Jesus himself, spent much time warning about this great evil against one's body and even expanded it to the look. Read "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust

after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart," Matt. 5: 27 & 28. Our nation is plagued with millions of people who mentally and visually climb into bed with whomever they desire. Adultery by eye is no different than the actual act of marital infidelity. Paul includes it as one of the *"works of the flesh,"* Gal. 5:19. John, speaking of the heavenly city, clearly states the sexually immoral will be excluded from Heaven. Hundreds of Bible references pronounce God's hatred toward adultery and promises great judgment upon it.

We live in a sensuous age that actually invites the ruination of marriage. We are told from Washington that the family is all people together. Ridicule toward the old fashioned family structure is everywhere promoted in the media and by the government leaders. Hours of TV programming hammer away at established family values. Foolish wives and mothers bathe daily in evil "slop opera" programming as TV corrupts the morals of millions. One has only to read the modern novels to begin to believe that cheating and infidelity is the "in thing". Even the immoral styles of women add further pressure and temptation to a man's struggle to remain pure. Marriage counselors and survey takers tell us cheating is prevalent, encouraged and expected in this selfish age of "doing their own thing". This is part of the new enlightenment preached even in some cheap worldly churches by compromising pastors. Some of them have been caught and still stand in their pulpit with no denouncement of sin. Pastors who wont take a stand against sin are traitors to their faith. The chaos that follows will bring judgment at the throne of God. Now think further. Allow me to show you what has happened.

Why do we see this family destroying trend at this time. We are certainly in an age of CHANGING VALUES based on selfish

7 motives and human reasoning. Old values and standards based on scripture seem too restrictive to this new age of "enlightened freedom". There is further the PRESSURE OF SOCIETY. In this sex stimulated age, every form of entertainment misrepresents the value of purity and glamorizes the thrill of free sex without restriction. The present age majors in SELF CENTEREDNESS. The teenage blood stream has been poisoned with the desire, "to do my own thing". This attitude carries on into marriages which are battlegrounds for self desire instead of dedicated unions for the sake of others. There is further LACK OF EXAMPLE on the part of many of our Christian leaders today. Our youth needs to be able to zero in on those in leadership capacity and see they are faithful to what they preach. The new trend of easy behaviorism is destroying our future generation and the very backbone of the church. Any affair outside of marriage will eat like a cancer until the death of the family is assured. No denial can cure the scar which unfaithfulness brings. Guilt forms around the soul, and deception, secrecy, and the constant worry of discovery destroys love, trust and the oneness of the union. The breach widens and a faithful partner with broken heart is weighted with the load of keeping the family together. Soon the children begin to suspect and the tragedy widens.

There can be only ONE RIGHT PATH; **absolute faithfulness to one's partner for a lifetime.** Draw a line around your home and family and shut out all evil and temptation possible. Practice careful control of all the entertainment allowed in your home and be sure it is not polluting those things that are right in the eyes of God. A good marriage relationship is not 50/50. It must be 100/100. Total dedication to your partner is vital. Nothing must lessen your love for your partner and your children. They must grow up in an atmosphere of love and selflessness. Cling to your partner with a lifetime desire to keep

them happy and provide their every need. Be eternally vigilant and forbid anything that will destroy the oneness and harmony of your family. Children are lastingly scarred by any cracks in the morals of your family. Your example will affect how they will approach marriage in their time. **Adultery should not be present in the family of God.** Although we do not stone the guilty, we must not allow Satan to stone the institution of marriage to a pile of tragic rubble. "Be faithful until death do us part". Thank God for the strong preaching and teaching of Bible believing churches. Yet some of our teens have misled others around them by laughing at the standards taught by our Sunday School. Teen peer pressure even comes to church, and influences those kids who take a stand against evil. Some of you parents have lost control of your own kids. Your TV pours slop and the music you allow constantly assaults the youth around us. Please face the fact that your kids are your most valuable possession. By example and principal show the path Christians must take or face the judgment of God, Let me sum up.

If you are a believer you must not accept the loose practices of the world. The term virgin is the Biblical will of God for true believers. Raise your children to be clean and pure as they mature. Careful about who they hang around with and how they act with each other. Marriage is such an awesome decision and if you fail in that, you will never reach your lifetime potential for God. Whatever sin lurks on the outskirts of your home can be defeated by obedience to one great Bible Verse.

"Keep thyself pure," I Tim. 5:22.