

The 7th Commandment

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Exodus 20:14 **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

1. No other Gods
2. No graven images
3. Name in vain
4. The Sabbath
5. Honor Parents
6. Don't kill
7. No Adultery

WERE GOING TO TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE: - A poll was taken among some kids and this was the result:

Q. Where do you get your sex information...? A. 57% from movies

**** 73% said "none to nil" from the church ****

NO QUESTION THIS IS THE MOST UNPOPULAR COMMANDMENT!

(constantly under attack philosophically)

You must chose a philosophy upon which to base your life choices!

There are so many choices everyday that bombard our mind...

----->>> A philosophy gives you a pattern to walk in. <<<-----

It is a logical order of thoughts by which you can make a logical order of decisions!

*** **Joke:** Country boy was tired of being dumb so he told his buddy I'm getting' an education. The counselor suggested a class on logic... But the boy said 'what's that'? The counselor asked 'If you have a DOG then you probably have a FENCED YARD and probably a HOUSE and a YARD and a wife which means you're not a homosexual! --- THAT IS LOGIC! The boy like his answer so he went and found his buddy and tried to explain: You got a dog? His buddy said .. NO? The boy then retorted: "I didn't know you were a homosexual!"

I HAVE MET PEOPLE WHO OPERATE THEIR LIFE CHOICES BASED ON THE SAME ILLOGIC!

Our society challenges this 7th commandment on every level! (media, sales)

EXAMPLE: This is a SEX saturated society... Sex Sells! (even un-sexy things)

----- Cars, Burgers, Soap, Cigs, Car parts, Check cashing card...

----- Poor Tony's Transmission billboard (busty lady)

Our Culture Hammers hard at this commandment: Comedy, TV, Movies, ----- CONSTANTLY SHOWS CHRISTIANITY AS PRUDISH -----
----- MINISTERS AS PSYCHOTIC HYPOCRITES -----

These things wear at our SUBCONSCIOUS until it wears us out!

1960's PLAYBOY MINDSET= 'Sex is just a body function like sleeping & eating' - (repression causes neurosis)

SO OUR CULTURE HAS TRIED THIS PHILOSOPHY: *"Sleep together if your in love, as long as nobody gets hurt"*

but.. SOMEBODY ALWAYS GETS HURT! That's why the 7th Commandment!

COMMANDMENT #7 is the philosophical - Christian Sexual Ethic.

Someone said: *"God made Sex, there is nothing wrong with sex"*

I agree, the church does NOT HAVE A HANG UP ABOUT SEX... It is with who? YES GOD MADE IT, THAT'S WHY HE REGULATED IT! (he knows it's power)

CHURCHIANITY HAS A REAL PROBLEM HERE: the fence has so deteriorated!

McDowell Study:

43% OF CHURCH KIDS HAVE HAD INTERCOURSE BY 18 (20% by 13) -----> That is only 10 - 15 % below un-churched kids!

"sex can be an act of charity, which proclaims the glory of God, or an act of healing. And where there is healing, there is Christ, whatever the church says about fornication" (Seamands book)

HERE'S THAT LOGICAL PHILOSOPHY AT PLAY AGAIN!

There's always those that *"jump the fence"* - but at least there was a fence!

PARENTS & CHURCH MUST TEACH FENCES: --- and WHY they are there!

BECAUSE: (the poll also stated) - #1 listed barrier to fornication was being "born again" & "committed to the Bible"

THE CHURCH IS NOT HERE TO TEACH WHAT'S LOGICAL... BUT WHAT IS BIBLICAL!

Genesis 2:24-25: *"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."*

THE BIBLE IS VERY EXPLICIT - yet was eloquent on the subject of sex

O.T. has many great stories of human romance:

-- Jacob & Rachel

-- Hannah & Elkanah

LOOK AT SOME N.T. WORD ON THIS ISSUE:...

I Corinthians 6:13-20 *"Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body [is] not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make [them] the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. "*

THE THING THAT MAKES US DIFFERENT THEN THE ANIMALS BODY = OUR'S HOUSE IS A SPIRIT...

PAUL Said: Sexual sin creates an inner response, not just outer. ----->>> I BELIEVE IT IS A SPIRITUAL TRANSFER? (SOUL MATES)

SEXUALITY IS NOT JUST PHYSICAL... IT IS SPIRITUAL! (that's why #7!)

Sex is perhaps the highest form of ecstasy because of it's spiritual component.

GOD FORBADE: - Bestiality, Incest etc... (WARNINGS FOR EVERYWHERE)

----->>> except MARRIAGE:

Hebrews 13:4 *"Marriage [is] honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."*

I FIND NO SEXUAL PROHIBITION IN MARRIAGE EXCEPT FOR MUTUAL CONSENT etc...

Why? --->>> The Spiritual experience can reach it's highest heights in marriage.... "shall become one flesh"

SO..WHEN WE GO OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE FOR OUR SEXUAL EXPERIENCES, IT OPENS US UP TO A TRUCK LOAD OF MENTAL / PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES. (depression, AIDS)

Adultery / Fornication is the RIGHT thing with the WRONG person!

BECAUSE OF THE SPIRITUAL CONTENT OF SEX --- JESUS WIDENED SIN TO THE MENTAL

Matthew 5:27-28 *"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit*

adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

---- POINT ---->> REPENTANCE that is required before God is the same!

BOTTOM LINE: ADULTERY/FORNICATION IS SIN!

= THAT IS THE BIBLE ETHIC -- You may not like it? - You may not agree with it? - You may Reject it?

.... BUT YOU CAN'T REPEAL IT OR REVISE IT!

THE BIBLE GIVES US THE SEX ETHIC FROM THE ONE WHO CREATED SEX! -- trust him! --

Think about it...

*** God didn't make us to handle MANY intimate relationships

*** God is simply asking us to respect each other... (dress modestly)

Adultery comes from the Hebrew word ("**adulteration**")

---- this term was used when Israel was worshipping false Gods

----- replaced ONE TRUE GOD for many false Gods

JOSEPH IS AN EXAMPLE OF GOD'S BLESSING UPON MORAL PURITY

Genesis 39:7-8 *"And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what [is] with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;"*