

## “STRONG FAMILIES: AFFAIR-PROOFING YOUR MARRIAGE”

### **Introduction:** THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Exodus 20:14 (NIV) [God] “You shall not commit adultery.”

Martin Luther: What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

### **FOUR STEPS TO AFFAIR-PROOF MARRIAGE**

#### **1. MAKE A COMMITMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

Psalm 119:9 (NIV) “How can a person keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word.”

- Sex is \_\_\_\_\_ marriage, not \_\_\_\_\_ marriage; not \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 5:15 (TEV) “Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone.”

#### **2. MAGNIFY THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

Proverbs 6:32 (TEV) “The one who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul.”

Proverbs 6:26 (TEV) “Adultery will cost a man all he has.”

- Three reasons to be faithful
  1. I love \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. I love my \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. I fear God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV) “God will judge those who are immoral and those who commit adultery.”

#### **3. MAINTAIN MY \_\_\_\_\_.**

I Corinthians 7:3 (TEV) “A man should fulfill his duty as a husband, and a woman should fulfill her duty as a wife, and each should satisfy the other's needs.”

- Dr. Willard Harley: “His Needs, Her Needs”
- Top five needs of most men
  1. Sexual fulfillment
  2. Recreation companionship
  3. Attractive spouse
  4. Domestic support

## 5. Admiration

- Top five needs of most women
  1. Affection
  2. Conversation
  3. Honesty and Openness
  4. Financial support
  5. Family commitment
- These steps to building friendship
  1. T \_\_\_\_\_
  2. T \_\_\_\_\_
  3. T \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. MANAGE MY \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:14-15 (LB) "Temptation is the pull of a person's own evil thoughts and wishes. These evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to death."

- Two ways affairs develop
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ sinful thoughts in my mind
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ myself emotionally.

II Timothy 2:22 (Philips) "Turn your back on lustful desires, and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love, and peace.."

**CONCLUSION:** The only marriage made in heaven.

II Corinthians 11:2 (NLT) "For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God Himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband – Christ."

- Four steps
  1. M \_\_\_\_\_ a commitment to God's standards.
  2. M \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences
  3. M \_\_\_\_\_ my marriage
  4. M \_\_\_\_\_ my mind.