

Building A Fence Around Your Home
1 Cor. 7: 1-5

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1. This is a hard sermon to preach because I've seen the effects of adultery on families.
2. People always find ways to rationalize their bad behavior.
3. It's true that most married folks go through periods of boredom, desperation, or anger.
4. The Bible has much to say about this subject. **(1 Thess. 4: 3; Heb 13:4)** We are not to just honor our own marriage but are to honor our neighbor's marriage.

I. Frightening Facts About Affairs and Adultery.

- A No one is immune to an extramarital affair.
- B The act of infidelity is the result of uncontrolled desires. **(Matt. 15:19)**
- C A Christian who falls will rationalize and conceal the same as anyone else.
- D Sin is enjoyable. **(Heb. 11:25)**
- E One night of pleasure will cause a lifetime of pain.
- F Failure is not fatal or final.

II. What Causes Us To Be Unfaithful: A Few Common Causes.

- A Something is wrong in the head and heart. **(Matt. 15:19)**
- B Adultery often comes from a sense of arrogance.
 1. The first says, "Those laws don't apply to me!"
 2. The second says, "I'm above doing that." **(Prov. 6:27-28)**
- C Adultery comes from our failure to recognize it as sin against God. **(Ps. 51)**

III. How Can We Affair-proof Our Marriage?

- A Take a stand beforehand.
 1. **(1 Peter 1: 15-16; 1 Cor. 6: 18-20; Psalm 119: 9-11)**
- B Never grin at sin.
 1. **(James 1: 14-15)**
- C Don't fan the fire.
 1. **(Eph. 5: 3-5)**
- D Retreat is better than defeat.
 1. **(1 Cor. 6: 19-20; 1 Thess. 5:22; 2 Tim. 2:22)**
 2. When it comes to temptation that Bible says take drastic action. **(Matt. 5: 29)**
- E Build those bonds.

IV. What If I Already Have?

- A Acknowledge your sin to God. **(Psalm 51).**
- B End the inappropriate relationship immediately.
- C Allow God to bring healing to you and your relationship.
- D Begin rebuilding your marriage based on trust, intimacy, honesty and love.