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We don't Break the 10 Comm,
We are Broken Upon Them
(1 Jn 5:3) *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

“Thou Shalt” - Help Yourself to Happiness
“Thou Shalt Not” - Don't Hurt Yourself

Outwardly: Rule, Regulation, Restraint
Inwardly: Liberty
(Rom 8:4) *That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Some of the Commandments may seem old/out of Date.
This Commandment is clear & for Today.

The only way to Understand the 7th Comm is to understand What it Violates.

“Adultery”~
To Apostatize ~ To abandon one's profession or church;
To forsake principles or faith which one has professed;
To forsake the person to which one has been attached.
To Make Impure.
To Harm.

To Dilute.
Anything that Harms, Dilutes, makes Marriage Impure.

The Bible Defines any Sexual Activity outside of the Bonds of Marriage is Fornication:

To God: Fornication is a Grievous Sin:
(Acts 15:29) *That ye abstain from ... fornication.*
(1 Cor 10:8) *Neither let us commit fornication*
(Col 3:5) *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; ... fornication,*
(1 Thes 4:3) *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

As a Parent. I worry who my boys will find to marry.
Will they find a Pure Woman?
I'm trying to raise Pure en so as to attract a Pure women

Marriage can be like a mountain road.
We start in the valley, & head toward the Mountain Top.
As we climb the steep grades of life, we pickup others along the way.
The father we drive, the higher we climb,
the steeper the drop offs.
Many marriages careen off the cliff.
We can start to see the wreckage of others.
As a Pastor, I have compassion for those who have wrecked.

What can we do to arrive safely?

Play Defense: Remove obstacles, Install guard rails & Hospitals
Illus: Its easier to Get a Marriage License/Drivers Licen
Marriage License - Just Show up, \$\$, Know Nothing.

Drivers License - You have to know something & have the ability to do something.

Play Offense: Teach our children How to Drive & break the cycle.

The Home: basic unit of social activity: God ordained
The home was ordained before the Government.

The home was Ordained before the Church.

(Gen 2:18) *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

How Does God Define Marriage:

(Gen 2:18-24)

(Matt 19:3-11)

(Vs 4) Jesus Debunks the Evolutionary Theory.

(Vs 5) Explain Cleave (**Welding Pic**)

Def~ 1 man for 1 woman for 1 lifetime.

(Vs 6) Commands against Divorce.

(Vs 7-8) Because your Hearts are not right!

(Vs 9) Adultery defined as any Relationship out side of your marriage.

(Vs 10-12) Singleness is a Gift from God.

(1 Cor 7:7) Paul calls Singleness a Gift.

The difference between a Contract & Covenant.

Contract limits liability: ie. 50/50

Compromise: 50% loser/50% Loser

Covenant accepts responsibility for the other 100%/100

Commitment to Follow Through w/o regard for personal gain.

Marriage can be like a minefield.

You need to be very careful around a man who says he understands women.

If he'll lie about that, then he'll lie about just about anything.

A man came home, wife sitting in the kitchen crying.

He said what's wrong honey.

"This is the worst meal I've ever cooked"

He said: *"Oh Honey, No it's not."*

I used to think, "My wife is a Mess."

Then I looked around: "Everybody is a Mess!"

I get her Mess, I can work with Her Mess!

I am a domesticated animal.

I don't have the energy/time to get retrained on someone else's mess.

I used to think my wife was crazy.

I used to get in trouble for things I did in her dreams.

I used to come home to an angry wife every time she would watch Oprah.

Then when I looked around I found out everybody's crazy.

I get her crazy. I can work with that crazy.

I've been at this 30 years.

I don't have time to get train for somebody else's is crazy.

Man, In Dunlap, traded his 50 for a 25:

You are an Idiot.

No 25' that looks at a 50' & goes *"Hey! Your Cute"*

He married her: *"What a Great Idea"*

Kind a Like the 1st time you Try 7/11 Slerpee.

Not long she surfaced from diving into the pool of her Daddy issues, Now She realizes the Mistake.

She is just waiting for you to die.

If you mess with her, You Will Die

My wife is the Best Wife EVER!

We have age appropriate Past Experiences.

We are BOTH children of the 1980's

She understands My Movie References, My Music & She gets My Jokes.

Better yet! She understands the signs of Stroke?

She has all my medicines organized in her purse.

Marriage is Not a Contract, but a Covenant & Marriage is a CAREER:

Something you Work @,

Something you Invest In,

Something you Strive for Continuous Improvement

Marriage is not a STATIC thing, like a Diamond we stumble upon and treasure.

Marriage is DYNAMIC: It grows like a flower that has to be nurtured, protected, & maintained Overtime to get the Sweet Perfume.

The difference is between married and divorced people is not the problems they face,

The difference is in the Commitment they have to each other Over the Commitment they have to Themselves.

Marriage is the highest form of Human relationship.

We are not commanded to be "One Flesh" with Parents, Children, or Siblings.

We actually Raise Our Kids to Launch from us:

Sometimes it is hard to get them to launch.

10 tips that will make every child launch & leave home

#10. Charge rent.

#9. Open their mail.

#8. Charge them for cleaning their room & laundry.

#7. Stop buying snacks/soda, buying only healthy food.

#6. Stop cooking lunches & dinners.

#5. Get into their business/give them unsolicited advice.

#4. Set them up with blind dates with people you meet at the doctors office.

#3. Daily tell them what they ought to do with their life

#2. Kiss and Make out in front of your kids.

#1. Dance together in the living Room in your underwear in front of the picture window.

As an added bonus, if all else fails move into a smaller place where there's no longer a room for them.

Marriage is the highest form of Human relationship.

Divorce is the only game that everybody involved loses except for lawyers.

People who stay married & people who get divorced have the same problems in life.

The question is are we going to face them together?

Stay Married, but live separate lives?

Or Are we going to run?

(Eph 5:21-31) Husbands Love & Women Respect!

Break it down as a healthy marriage relationship

(Eph 5:31) *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*

Adultery is the disintegration of the Home.

Adultery is the violation of the Marriage Vow.

Adultery is the changing of Loyalties.

Adultery is a sin against yourself

(1 Cor 6:18) *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*

(1 Cor 3:16-17) *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

(Rom 2:5-6) *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:*

The World wants to teach our kids Safe Sex:

Sex is not supposed to be dangerous, but SACRED.

Adultery is a sin against Yourself.

Adultery is a sin against the Home:

AND Children in the home.

When a man commits adultery he is telling his children that their mother is not worth much and that their father is a liar and a cheat.

Also he is saying that My Honor is not nearly as important as My Pleasure.

My own satisfaction is more important to me than you.

Adultery is also a sin against the Church:

(Rom 14:7) *For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.*

(Rom 12:5) *So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*

My Purity is none of your business preacher, well if you're a member of the church then It Is Some of My Business.

Just like my personal purity is part of your business, because we are in this together, we are members one of another“

We are not Islands:

Our lives affect each other.

Adultery is a sin against Yourself.

Adultery is a sin against the Home:

Adultery is a sin against a Country.

(Prov 14:34) *Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*

Book: “The Rise & Fall of the Roman Empire”

The Author noted that it was sexual immorality that brought down the Roman Empire, It also brought down the Egyptian Empire, & the Babylonian empire.

America has a Date with God's judgment.

The waters of God's wrath hurls itself against the Dam of God's Mercy.
One day it will prevail & America will be called to account.

(Deut 22:22) *If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.*

The enemy of the home is the enemy of society.

People who treat sex lightly will treat other people lightly also.

Adultery is a sin against Yourself.

Adultery is a sin against the Home:

Adultery is a sin against a Country.

Adultery is a sin against God: (Ex 20:14)

(Gen 39:9) *There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?*

Joseph knew this 450 yrs before the 10 Comm written.

King David:

(Ps 51:4) *Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:*

(Prov 6:32) *But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.*

These are Holy Laws

Laws without penalties is just pure advice.

If you are living in Adultery, You Do Not have the Right to Even Call Yourself a Christian.

(1 Cor 6:9) *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, **nor adulterers**, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

(Eph 5:5) *For this ye know, that **no whoremonger**, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*

(Rev 21:8) *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and **whoremongers**, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

No matter how Hollywood glamorizes it, God says it's a sin against Him and He is a holy God.

Well I'm a member of this church & I'm living this way & God's not punishing me.

(Heb 12:8) *But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*

YOU NEED TO BE SAVED!

(Rom 2:5) *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart **treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath** and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;*

“It will Be Pay Someday”

Let's Stop Playing Defense, and start Playing Offense

Teach our Children about Godly Marriage.

Warn our Children about polluting Marriage.

Model it to our children Godly Marriage

I. Decide: It's a Promise You made.

Do You Remember What You Promised?

- Let Me Refresh your Memory.

Will You have this woman to be your wife?

Will you Love her, Comfort her, Honor her, & Keep her

In sickness & in health, & forsaking all others,

Keep yourself only unto her so long as you both shall live?

You have this man to be your husband?

What you Love him, Comfort him, Honor him & Obey him,

In Sickness and In Health, and forsaking all others,

Keep your self only under him, so long as you both shall live?

DECIDE: That this IS a Promise worth Keeping.

II. Depend on Christ:

(Is 64:6) *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;*

The Best Love we can produce is Junk.

Pray everyday for God to give you His Love to Love her/him!

We need God's Strength, We are All susceptible to Sin.

and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Grace = Super Natural Enabling

(Heb 4:16) *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

(Phil 4:13) *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (I can choose to Love my spouse)*

(Phil 4:19) *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

(I asked, God wants this too. He will Supply)

(1 Jn 3:22) *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

(1 Jn 5:14-15) *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

You are ASKIG for What God Wants for You.

Thus He will Answer YES to your Request!

III. Devotion: Be Devoted to Christ and your family.

Love is a Choice we Make, Not an Emption we Feel:

(Eph 5:25) *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Submitting Is Choice we Make b/c Jesus is worth it!

(Eph 5:21-22) *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

(Rom 6:13) *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

(Rom 6:16) *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

(Rom 6:19) *as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity;*

(We all Understand How Sin in our Flesh Works)
even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Our devotion to Christ motivates us to Love, Honor,&Cherish

IV. Defend your Love:

The Great Wall of China: 1000's of Miles Long.

Breached 3 times, not by battering rams, ladders, or ropes.

The Gate Keepers were bribed.

You are the Gate Keeper.

Marriage must be protected.

Men: I'm just begging you, ***do not flirt*** with other women.

It is **NOT** harmless and **it is not** "***All in good fun***".

You are engendering feelings in that other person that cannot be righteously fulfilled outside of marriage. **Don't do it.**

(1 Cor 10:13) *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, **that ye may be able to bear it.***

If you are too Proud, Carnal of just plain Stupid to "*take the way escape*", You Will Fall!

Never stop flirting with your wife.

Wink at her or touch her,

Touch her on the shoulder every time you pass by,

Kiss her goodbye and Hello every single Day.

Tell her you Love her everyday, All Day.

End every Phone call and Text with I Love You!

Make sure you were giving her all of your affection,

Treat it like it's a new & exciting & IT Will Be.

Ladies: All Men are ***Big Dogs*** that can talk.

You need to write ***Unavailable*** on your forehead's.

You need to make sure it's clear, Plain, & Straight!

Carnal Men are always looking.

Carnal Men are always thinking about it.

Carnal Men are always on the prowl.

And if you think I'm lying to you then you ask your husband.

How do you think HE found YOU?

Also it doesn't matter how old they are.

Just b/c there's snow on the roof don't mean there isn't a fire in the furnace.

Illus: I asked my 85 yr old mom why she didn't like to go to the senior Citizen Center for Lunch.

"Its all about Sex"

I can't Miss Mix go into to stores, she gets Hit on!

V. Discipline Yourself: guard your company.

Never be alone with the opposite sex.

Do not listen to the problems of the Men/Women at the office.

Instruct them to speak to their Pastor/Pastor's wife.

Do not travel alone with the person of the opposite sex that is not your wife or husband.

Meet them there, stay at separate hotels, rent separate cars, or don't go.

Friends that are urging you to Sin are not friends.

You're married, you do not need to go out Clubbing/Parties with your single friends.

Do you want have fun with your girlfriends?

Go get your nails done.

Go to Lunch & Shopping.

If you Run around with whores, It wont be long until some mistakes you for one.

GUYS:Whats Good for the Goose is good for the Gander.

Do I have friends at the office guys you want to have fun with?

Play Golf, Go to the driving range, or to the gun range.

(1 Cor 6:18) *Flee fornication.*

Guard your heart from wicked imaginations. Guard your eyes from wicked TV shows and movies. Guard your ears from country and western music that talk about affairs and sleeping around. Don't be fooled. It has an effect on you.

He who does not wish to fall should not walk and slippery places.

(Prov 6:27) *Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?*

Ladies & Gentleman, Teens & Children

You would never put garbage in your mouth, why would you put garbage in your heart?

(Prov 4:23) *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

What goes in your Eye & Ears goes into your hearts.

Be careful the TV shows/Movies that you watch.

You do not Need Sports Illustrated Swim Suit Addition.

Don't listen to Honky Tonk Music that glamorizes Sex.

VI. Determine: make up your Mind!

"I do not have room in my life for another woman"

(Josh 24:15) *"As for me & my house, we will serve the Lord.*

Fidelity Through Shared Goals: Serve the Lord together.

(Phil 1:27) Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Striving together:

Not striving against each other.

(Phil 2:1-8) as it applies to the marriage relationship

Humble: Why do you always have to be right?

(1 Tim 6:6-12) the vanity of out of control ego and lust for more will destroy the marriage relationship

(vs 12) not surprised marriage has the word ***Fight*** in it.

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