

“They Shall Become One Flesh”

The Pleasures And Perils Of Gender

1 Peter 3:1-8; Exodus 20:1-14; Gen. 2:21-25
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“A man shall ...hold fast to his wife” (Gen 2:24) seems pretty straight forward: one man and one woman for life. But in a fallen world, our sinful natures question and dissect God’s plan. In our _____ we are tempted to questions God’s character and _____, and thus bring upon ourselves and others the consequences of disobedience. Understand the prohibition, and joyful embrace God’s plan for you as a man or woman made in the image of God!

I. Adultery _____ (Ex. 20:14; 1 Cor. 7:32, 34)

- 1) The Hebrew word translated _____ is used 31 times in the OT.
- 2) The legal definition is _____ a marriage _____. Single believers are included.
- 3) Consider the *RP Testimony* at 24:1-3.

II. Adultery _____ (Job 31:1-3)

- 1) We must _____ with our eyes and _____, and understand the calamity.
- 2) Recognize the _____ that God’s way is not best.
- 3) You must seek _____ and STARVE the lusts of your flesh (Ps. 101:3).

III. Adultery _____ (Psalm 128, Phil. 4:11; Ps. 37:4)

- 1) In your thinking about _____ trust that God is _____ you.
- 2) Realize that _____ matters, intimacy is best within the _____ of commitment.
- 3) So _____ God’s plan: single contentment and committed couples.
- 4) Delight yourself in the _____ and he will give the _____ of your heart.

Application Questions:

1. Discuss how and why the church has such a hard time addressing sexual purity?
2. In general terms how would do temptations (1 Cor. 10:13) vary between males and females?
3. Consider the role of purity (Mt. 5:28) and modesty (1 Pe. 3:3-4) in the Christian life.
4. Look at how the *Westminster Larger Catechism* applies this commandment (Q 138-139).