

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Generations come and go, but the Ten Commandments stand.
- b) The Ten Commandments are God's laws for liberty.
- c) 1 John 5:3
- d) The seventh commandment states that all sexual involvement outside of marriage (before, after or during) is a grievous sin against Almighty God.
 - i) Exodus 20:14
- e) We need to live according to God's Word in order to protect our homes.
 - i) Acts 15:29
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 10:8
 - iii) Colossians 3:5
 - iv) 1 Thessalonians 4:3
- f) A marriage is a union not just between two people, but between a man, a woman and God.
- g) It is up to parents to show their children how to have a godly marriage.

2) WE MUST TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE (Genesis 2:21-24)

- a) We must teach our young people God's plan for marriage.
 - i) Genesis 2:21-24
- b) We must teach young people the priority of marriage.
 - i) Genesis 2:24
 - ii) The highest priority of human relationships is not parent to child or child to parent, but mate to mate.
 - (1) Therefore, we as parents must be preparing our children to leave us.
- c) We must teach young people the permanence of marriage.
 - i) The Hebrew terminology in this passage has the idea of welding or gluing together.
 - ii) Mark 10:9
- d) We must teach young people the purpose of marriage.
 - i) Genesis 2:24
 - (1) This deals with more than simply a sexual union, but also includes an emotional and spiritual union.
 - ii) Marriage is a romance where both the hero and the heroine die, and they become one new person.
 - iii) God intended for marriage to provide mutual love, comfort, satisfaction, fulfillment and joy.
- e) With this seventh commandment, God is not trying to keep you from intimacy, but trying to keep intimacy for you.
 - i) Hebrews 13:4

3) WE NEED TO WARN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Exodus 20:14)

- a) To adulterate means to make impure.
 - i) When one adulterates marriage, then he or she has made impure something that God values very highly and wonderfully.

- b) Adultery is a sin against one's own self.
 - i) 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - (1) There's no sin that will do more personal damage spiritually, mentally and physically than immorality.
 - c) Adultery is a sin against the home and against the children in that home.
 - i) The lives of innocent children are impacted through immorality.
 - d) Adultery is a sin against the church.
 - i) 1 Corinthians 3:17
 - ii) None of us live unto ourselves or die unto ourselves.
 - (1) As believers, we are part of one family - the family of God.
 - iii) When a church member is sexually immoral, he or she sins against the holy body of Christ.
 - e) Adultery is a sin against one's nation.
 - i) Historians tell us that the sin of immorality caused the downfall of once dominant nations.
 - (1) The Roman Empire
 - (2) Greece
 - (3) Egypt
 - (4) Ancient Babylon
 - ii) Proverbs 14:34
 - iii) Deuteronomy 22:22
 - iv) The enemy of the home is the enemy of society.
 - (1) People who treat sex lightly will treat other people lightly, and the society falls.
 - f) Adultery is a sin against Almighty God.
 - i) Exodus 20:14
 - ii) Psalm 51:4
 - iii) Proverbs 6:32
 - iv) The Ten Commandments are not advice, but they are laws.
 - (1) Law without penalty is only advice.
 - v) A pure life is not simply an option one might choose as a Christian.
 - (1) 1 Corinthians 6:9
 - (2) Ephesians 5:5
 - (3) Revelation 21:8
 - (4) If we are followers of Jesus Christ and disobey His commandments, then there will be chastisement.
 - (a) Hebrews 12:8
 - (5) Romans 2:5
 - g) We need to warn our children, for their welfare, about the dangers of sexual immorality.
- 4) WE NEED TO SHOW OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
- a) We need to model before our children obedience to and love for God and His commandments.

- b) We need to model a healthy marriage before our children.
- c) Keys to strengthening your marriage:
 - i) Decision - decide for Christ.
 - (1) Isaiah 1:18
 - (2) Give your heart to the Lord Jesus today.
 - (3) If you have failed and sinned, bring it to Jesus.
 - (4) Jesus Christ does not hold grudges; He forgives.
 - ii) Dependence - depend upon Jesus Christ.
 - (1) Let His life in you energize you.
 - (2) Jesus Christ doesn't merely forgive and then say, "Now do better."
 - (a) Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to live inside of us, to energize us and give us daily the ability to live for Him.
 - iii) Devotion - devoted to Christ and to your family.
 - (1) Ephesians 5:25
 - (2) Pour out your love to Christ and to your family.
 - (3) God commanded us to love; this is not a suggestion.
 - iv) Development - let your love continue to grow.
 - (1) Love is not like a diamond: a static thing we stumble upon or acquire and keep to treasure forever. It is more like a flower that needs to be cultivated, nurtured and cared for so that it can grow.
 - (2) Continue to feed your love from day to day, from week to week, from year to year, with the very best resources of your living.
 - (3) Never flirt with anyone else other than your spouse.
 - v) Discipline - guard your company.
 - (1) Proverbs 13:20
 - (2) Friends that urge you to sin are not friends.
 - (3) Be careful what you set before your eyes.
 - (a) Watch what you watch.
 - (4) Be mindful of the old adage: garbage in, garbage out.
 - (5) Proverbs 6:27
 - (6) 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - vi) Determination - make up your mind.
 - (1) Joshua 24:15
 - (2) When you make one big decision, it will help you with many other smaller decisions.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) God's plan is purity for marriage.
- b) If you have failed, God is the God of second chances.
 - i) John 8:10-11
- c) If you have a broken heart or a broken home, bring it to Jesus.
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.

- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16