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### Adultery Attacks Marriage

Consider Adam. Adam was made in perfection yet it was not good for him to be alone. Adam needed a wife. Marriage is a necessary arrangement designed by God. We cannot perform our duties alone and just as God longs for us to be wholly his bride, we should also long to the perfect spouse, spiritually and physically.

Marriage was not set into place to take the place of our lusts. We still need to be vigilant over our nature to prevent both spiritual and physical adultery.

This vigilance starts with who and what we choose to associate ourselves with.

**1 Corinthians 5:9-13** I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; **(10)** I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. **(11)** But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one. **(12)** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*? **(13)** But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

Remember, the sanctifying bond of marriage is representative of Christ's sanctifying bond with us, the Church.

**1 Corinthians 7:14-17** For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy. **(15)** Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called us to peace. **(16)** For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? **(17)** Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And thus I direct in all the churches.

**Hebrews 13:4-5** Let marriage *be held* in honor among all, and let the *marriage* bed *be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. **(5)** Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"