











Hebrews 13:4

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and the marriage bed kept pure,
for God will judge the adulterer and
all the sexually immoral. (NIV)

Marriage is to be held in honour among all,
and the marriage bed is to be undefiled;
for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
(NASB)



MESSAGE OUTLINE

1. God's expectation for marriage
2. What defiles our marriage bed
3. Consequences of defilement
4. Hope and Restoration



1. GOD'S EXPECTATION FOR MARRIAGE

- **Marriage should be honoured by all**



Marriage is honoured by:

- Upholding the rule of marriage permanency
- Obedience to God's commands on roles and responsibilities
- Understand God's divine purpose of marriage as one man, one woman in one marriage
- Union of 2 in the Lord



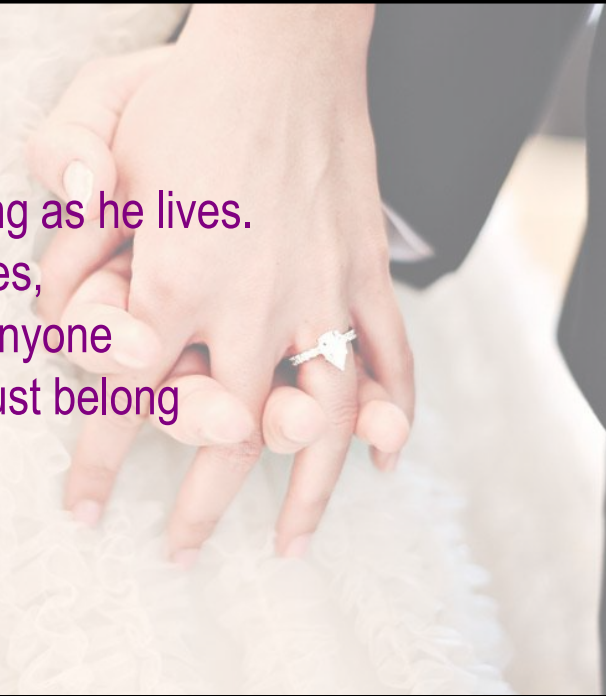
2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked with non-believers.
For what do righteousness and wickedness
have in common? Or what fellowship can light
have with darkness?



1 Corinthians 7:39

A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes but he must belong to the Lord.



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- **Marriage bed should be kept pure**



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Alternative meanings of Purity

- ❖ Freedom from contamination/adulteration
- ❖ Freedom from immorality
- ❖ Freedom from debases
- ❖ Freedom from defilement/Undeified

2. WHAT DEFILES THE MARRIAGE BED?

In the bible sexual immorality includes,

- adulteries, fornication,
- incest, bestiality,
- homosexuality, prostitution,
- lustful passion, orgies,
- sodomy, obscenity and coarse language

3 common areas of sexual immorality that defiles our marriage bed

- **Adultery** - sexual immorality during marriage
- **Pre-marital sex** - sexual immorality pre marriage
- **Pornography** - sexual immorality before and during marriage



1 Corinthians 7:3

**The husband should fulfil
his marital duty to his wife,
and likewise the wife to
her husband.**

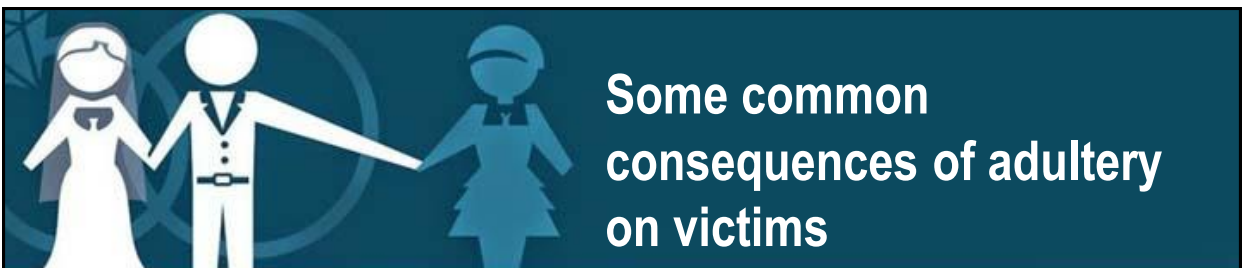


1 Corinthians 6:16

**Do you not know he who unites himself
with a prostitute is one with her in body?
For it is said,
“The two shall become one flesh.”**



3. CONSEQUENCES OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY



**Some common
consequences of adultery
on victims**

Rejection

Betrayal

Trust Issues

Guilt

Abandonment

Failure

Emotional Pain

Loss of Self-Worth / Image

Collateral Damages e.g. Children, etc.

Consequences of Pre-Marital Sex

- Ungodly soul ties
- Lack of preciousness in marriage
- Unintended pregnancies
- Abortion
- Forced marriages
- False intimacies
- Covetous sexual appetites
- Guilt into future relationships
- SOFC to future generations



4. HOPE AND RESTORATION



A close-up photograph of a hand held under a running faucet, with water splashing. The background is a solid light blue.

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you;
but you were washed,
but you were sanctified,
but you were justified in the name of the Lord
Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

A photograph of a man in a dark t-shirt, standing in a forest. He has his head bowed and his hands clasped in front of him, appearing to be in prayer or deep reflection. Sunlight filters through the trees in the background.

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and righteous
to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.”

Father, we confess all of our sexual sins pre-marriage and during marriage whether in deeds or in thoughts, intentionally or unintentionally, with self or others. We also confess all ungodly soul ties due to past relationships and cut all of the ties with them. Lord we seek Your forgiveness and cleansing.



We also choose to forgive ourselves and those who were involved with us. Help us now to walk in holiness and purity to uphold Your commands to honour our marriage and to keep the marriage bed undefiled. For all that has negatively impacted our marriage or will otherwise in future, we rest in our hope of Your restoration in Jesus' Name.

