

### **The First Commandment of Marriage: Exclusivity**

**Exodus 20:3** *“You shall have no other gods before Me.”*

### **The Second Commandment of Marriage – Don’t Love a Substitute**

**Exodus 20:4–5** *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.*

### **The Third Commandment of Marriage – Speak Well of Your Mate**

**Exodus 20:7** *“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”*

### **The Fourth Commandment of Marriage – Spend Exclusive Time Together**

**Exodus 20:8–11,**

*“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”*

*Sabbath* means an intermission. It means to put down your work and rest. Take a break.

### **The Fifth Commandment of Marriage – Honor Your Spouse by Showing How Grateful You Are**

**Exodus 20:12,** *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”*

## **The Sixth Commandment of Marriage – Don't Destroy Your Spouse But Learn to be Gentle**

Exodus 20:13, *"You shall not murder."*

**The sixth commandment protects the right of life.** Jesus helps us understand this principle in Matthew 5. He said, *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment."*

## **The Seventh Commandment of Marriage – Do Not Commit Adultery**

Exodus 20:14 simply says, *"You shall not commit adultery."*

### **This commandment protects the right and sacredness of marriage**

This commandment puts a hedge around the institution of marriage: and marriage rights, and safeguards the procreation of life. This commandment is a Divine hedge. It prohibits the violation of the marriage state and protects the sanctity of marriage relationship between husband and wife.

Marriage is the highest of all earthly relationships.

In commandment #5 "honor father and mother" and now Commandment #7 "Do not commit adultery" Thus the home and children, and the marriage of husband and wife are Divinely safeguarded.

The marriage institution was ordained by God. Both man and the woman were incomplete without each other.

A study of the Scriptures concerning marriage show us that marriage is: a covenant between a man and a woman whereby they enter into a binding commitment to live together in a blessed relationship, for the mutual comfort, care and benefit of each other, and for the purpose of reproducing themselves in a family until death they do part.

Marriage involves spiritual, moral, legal and physical unity.

Marriage is enacted verbally, validated legally, consummated physically, for these “two shall be one flesh”

Jesus expanded on this in Matthew 5, and I want you to read these words very carefully. He said, *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

### **Affair-Proof Your Marriage with Positive Affirmation**

### **Affair-Proof Your Marriage with Companionship**

### **Affair-Proof Your Marriage Through Intimacy**

#### **The Eighth Commandment of Marriage – Be a Person of Integrity**

Exodus 20:15 *You shall not steal.*

Proverbs 23:7 *“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, but his heart is not with you.”*

**This commandment protects the right of property**

#### **The Ninth Commandment of Marriage – Be Truthful**

Exodus 20:16, *“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”*

**Protects the right to a good name**

#### **The Tenth Commandment of Marriage – Be Content with What You Have**

Exodus 20:17, *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”*

