



"Affair Proof Marriage Part 2"

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I. POTENTIAL AFFAIR TRIGGERS

"Adultery is a trap ..."

PROVERBS 22:14 | GN

- *Unmet needs*
- *Unresolved conflict*
- *Lack of communication*
- *Immaturity*
- *Unfulfilled expectations*
- *Undeveloped self-worth*
- *Selfishness*
- *Disconnection from God*

II. THE PATH TO AN AFFAIR

1 Accepting **LUSTFUL** thoughts.

"Temptation is the pull of a person's own evil thoughts and wishes. These evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to death."

JAMES 1:14-15 | LB

"Turn your back on lustful desires and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love, and peace ..."

2 TIMOTHY 2:22 | Ph

2 **EMOTIONAL** non-physical involvement.

3

PHYSICAL involvement.

4

RATIONALIZING the affair.

"The human mind is the most deceitful of all things. It is incurable. No one can understand how deceitful it is."

JEREMIAH 17:9 | GW

III. AFFAIR SAFEGUARDS (PROVERBS 6:20-7:5)

1

COMMIT to God's Word.

"How can a (person) keep his way pure? By living according to your Word."

PSALM 119:9 | NIV

"Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone."

PROVERBS 5:15 | GN

2

COMPREHEND the massive consequences.

"... adultery will cost a man all he has."

PROVERBS 6:26 | GN

"The one who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul."

PROVERBS 6:32 | GN

"God will judge those who are immoral and those who commit adultery."

HEBREWS 13:4b | GN

3

CULTIVATE my marriage.

"A man should fulfill his duty as a husband and a woman should fulfill her duty as a wife, and each should satisfy the other's needs."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:3 | GN

"Do not cheat each other of normal sexual intercourse ... or you will expose yourselves to the obvious temptation of Satan."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:5 | Ph

4

CONTROL my mind.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

ROMANS 12:2 | NIV

"... we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 | NIV

5

MAINTAIN boundaries in relationships.

Six Key Boundaries

- Don't **LISTEN**
- Watchout for a **SPARK**
- WOMEN:
- Avoid the **LONG LONG**
- Don't go **FISHIN'**
- Avoid the **LINGERING**
- MEN: **TOUCH**
- Watch what you **SAY**

"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality."

EPHESIANS 5:3 | NIV

6

MINIMIZE the opportunity.

"So be careful! If you are thinking, 'Oh, I would never behave like that' let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:12 | LB

"Bad company corrupts good character."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 | NIV

"Guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with your wife."

MALACHI 2:15 | NIV

THE PATHWAY BACK FROM AN AFFAIR

1

ADMIT the sin. (Psalm 51:1-10)

2

END

it immediately.

3

AVOID

all contact.

*"Do what is good and **run from evil** so that you may live! Then the LORD God of Heaven's Armies will be your helper ..."*

AMOS 5:14 | NLT

NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION, GN = GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION,
LB = LIVING BIBLE, Ph = THE PHILLIPS TRANSLATION, GW = GOD'S WORD,
NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION.

Small Group Questions

1

Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?

2

Pastor Jeremy talked about Six Key Boundaries that we should have in our life within our relationships. **Out of these six, which one could be a temptation for you? What are ways for you to combat that temptation in that area?**

3

How are you at taking responsibility for your actions and not blaming those around you? Share why or why not this may be difficult to do and apply.

4

How can we be praying for you this week?