

THE BATTLE FOR RELATIONSHIP
What Does Adultery Mean? Who Does It Hurt?
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Today, I need you to understand what adultery is and who it hurts.

THE MEANING OF ADULTERY

Adultery is used to describe the attitude and state of the heart before it is used to describe an act.

You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matthew 5:27-28 NAS

Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul. Proverbs 6:32 NKJV

Once you indulge your lust it grows. It is never satisfied.

They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are well trained in greed. They live under God's curse. 2 Peter 2:14 NLT

Adultery has for most of history been associated with sex outside the marriage bed. That is by far the most common context of adultery. But it is not the only context in which adultery occurs.

Israel treated it all so lightly—she thought nothing of committing adultery by worshiping idols made of wood and stone. So now the land has been polluted. Jeremiah 3:9 NLT

They have committed both adultery and murder—adultery by worshiping idols and murder by burning as sacrifices the children they bore to me. Ezekiel 23:37 NLT

Anything you touch can be adulterated.

We have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2 Corinthians 4:2 NAS

YOUR HEART AND MARRIAGE

The primary focus of any adultery is in our heart and the relationship we are in.

How do you not adulterate your heart?
How do you stop going down that road?

You have to address your relationships in the right order.

1st LOVE GOD

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:36-38 NIV

2nd LOVE OTHERS AS YOURSELF

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:39 NIV

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Romans 13:8-9 NIV

WHO DOES ADULTERY HURT?

He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. Mark 10:11 NIV

Principle #1 We have the ability to choose.
Principle #2 Our choices have consequences.
Principle #3 An adulterous heart destroys our ability to love.

Get your relationships in order.

**Love God.
Follow Jesus in all your relationships.**