

STAY FAITHFUL

Blueprint – Part 7

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“You shall not commit adultery.”

Exodus 20:14 (NIV)

I. **Something All the Commandments Have in Common: Limits.**

II. **The Commands of God Show Us the Love of God.**

III. **God’s Healthy Boundaries Around Sex:**

1. In the Context of Marriage.

2. Procreation.

3. Pleasure.

IV. **Three Types of Adultery in Scripture:**

1. Physical adultery.

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2. Emotional adultery.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”

Matthew 5:27-30 (NIV)

3. Spiritual adultery.

When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.”

Hosea 1:2 (NIV)

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Revelation 14:6-7 (NIV)

V. **An Antidote for an Adulterous Heart: Developing a Single-minded Focus.**

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

A Prayer for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.