

The Ten Commandments

Ten Laws for Leading a Life That Matters
A Study of Exodus 20:1-17

Do Not Commit Adultery

The Sanctity of Marriage Exodus 20:14

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In the STUDY VERSE SECTION, God's Holy Word is printed in regular sized text while Pastor Joe's commentary is in the small text.
You can find this text in the Pew Bible on page 67.

"It's God's love and grace, not God's law, that has the power to rescue and restore you."
- Paul Tripp



The Ten Commandments Review

God's Original Top Ten



Unless there is a change in America, we are doomed for the ash heap. No civilization, no nation, no empire has survived obsession with sex and impurity. This disease is eating the heart out of America...Know that I am not a religious person, but I am a realist...I recognize that the sexual revolution our country is experiencing will one day lead to our ruin."

- Pitirim Alexandrovich Sorokin, Ph.D., *The American Sex Revolution* (Harvard)

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STUDY VERSE SECTION – Exodus 20:14, NASB95 -¹⁴ "You shall not commit [an "absolute imperfect verb" denoting "a habitual action still in progress"; we must never commit]

adultery [Heb. לֹא תִזְנֶה "low na-OP," lit., no adultery, לֹא "low" means "no"; it is an "absolute imperfect interjection" denoting "a habitual action still in progress", we must "never" commit adultery;

תִּזְנֶה "na-OP" lit., break (na) the vow (op); it forbids ANY sexual activity outside the marriage relationship and also is used metaphorically (27x in the OT) to describe being unfaithful to God via worship of a false god. (The other Hebrew word for adultery is zānā which is any sexual activity outside of marriage that would be legal under civil law, but is still against God's biblical law.)

1. Sexuality

Genesis 1:27–28, NASB95 -²⁷ *God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

²⁸ *God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it..."*

2. Immorality

Proverbs 30:20, NLT – [Speaking against immorality] *Equally amazing is how an adulterous woman can satisfy her sexual appetite, shrug her shoulders, and then say, "What's wrong with that?"*

3. Morality

Hebrews 13:4, NASB95 -⁴ *Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

Life Application Section

- A. Be convicted that sex outside of biblical marriage is wrong.** (cf., Proverbs 30:20, NLT)
- B. Be committed to your spouse.** (cf., Matthew 19:5, NASB and Malachi 2:15, LB)
- C. Be careful to guard your minds.** (cf., Matthew 5:27-28, NASB)
- D. Be conscious of the consequences of sexual sin.** (cf., Heb. 13:4, NASB and Prov. 6:23, NLT)
- E. Be cleansed from your sexual failure of the past.** (cf., I Cor. 9:11, NLT and 1 John 1:9, NASB)
- F. Be clear about God's will in this area.** (cf., Matthew 19:5, NASB)