

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1450: Is Adultery More Subtle Than We Think?

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See:



1. How does the Hebrew word for adultery (Strong's #5003), broaden the meaning of the Seventh Commandment beyond marital unfaithfulness? (Exodus 20:14, Jeremiah 3:6-8)
2. What does the public penalty for adultery under the Law reveal about God's view of the marriage covenant? Why was the stability of marriage so important in society and before God? (Leviticus 20:10, Genesis 2:23-24)
3. What are the personal consequences for adultery in Proverbs 6:32-33, and why do they occur even if the persons involved keep the adultery hidden from others?
4. In what way did Jesus elevate the 7th Commandment from an external act to an internal responsibility? Explain. (Matthew 5:27-28)
5. What distinguishes righteous desire from sinful desire, and how does intentional cultivation turn desire into lust? (Strong's #1937, Matthew 5:28, 1 Timothy 3:1)
6. How does the illustration of interlocking wood and glue in cabinetry deepen our understanding of Jesus' words on the permanence and sanctity of marriage (two becoming "one flesh" and "joined together") in Matthew 19:5-6?
7. What practical lessons can we draw from James 1:14-15? Describe the progression of temptation.
8. How do Jesus' warnings in Matthew 5:29-30 teach us the best way to deal with temptation? In what ways do these metaphors emphasize both internal and external action against sin?
9. Identify the specific dangers described for us in each of these areas, and explain how each can lead to subtle forms of adultery: Psalm 45:7, James 1:22, 1 John 2:15-16, Colossians 3:5.
10. How does James 4:4 define spiritual adultery, and why does friendship with the world place us in an adversarial position toward God?
11. How does "compartmentalization" allow contradictory desires to coexist, and why is this spiritually dangerous for Christians? (1 John 2:15-16)
12. What practical steps can I take to "pluck out the eye" or "cut off the hand" in my own life by removing sources of temptation before they become sinful actions? (Matthew 5:29-30)
13. In what areas of my life am I merely hearing God's word rather than allowing it to transform my thoughts, desires and behavior? (James 1:22, Colossians 3:5)