



Be Holy, for I Am Holy

God's Holy People Keep the Bed  
Undeclared

# Premarital Sex Is Prevalent and a Problem

- 70% by age 19.
- Approximately 40% of babies born outside marriage.
- STDs are rampant.
- It is sin!

# Sin

- Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Matt. 19:4-5
- Not the “normal, natural thing to do.”
- Be committed to fleeing. Seek the way of escape.
- Hoping is not enough.
  - Guard the mind and avoid lewd behavior.
- Be like Joseph. Gen. 39:6-13
  - Have convictions and act on them.
  - You can do this.

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  - “Unlawful sexual intercourse with the spouse of another.” Heb. 13:4
  - Special usage in Matt. 5:32; 19:9; et al.
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  - *Christianity Today*: 45% admitted to inappropriate behavior and 23% to adultery.
  - A major contributor to divorce and poverty.

# The Bible and Adultery

- Every condemnation of sexual immorality (fornication) condemns adultery. 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:18; et al
- Specified in 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Heb. 13:4
- One allowable cause for divorce. Matt. 5:32; 19:9

# Why Adultery Occurs

- Kelly Bonewell, psychologist:
  - Men are looking for a new, better, different sexual experience. Prov. 6:25; 9:17
  - Women are seeking friendship and an emotional attachment.
  - For both, it's all about self. Luke 9:23

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- Kelly Bonewell: some “just fall into an affair.”
  - *She began having personal conversations with him on the same floor that they worked.*
  - *The conversations moved to having lunch regularly at the hospital.*
  - *Eventually, they began to meet for lunch or coffee off-site. More and more, a sexual theme covered their conversation.*
  - *She ultimately ended up at his apartment continuing these “conversations.”*
  - Recognize the danger.



# Four Things We Need to Do

- Know the high cost of adultery.
  - 1Cor. 6:9, 10; Mark 9:47, 48
  - Marriage, children, job, financial, etc.  
Prov. 5:10-14; 6:25-35
- Don't fall for flattery. Prov. 6:24; 7:21
- Establish and respect boundaries.  
Prov. 5:8; 7:6-8
- Strengthen your marriage.
  - Eph. 5; 1 Cor. 7:2-5; Prov. 5:15-20

# Conclusion

- Live as saints should. Eph. 3:3-5
- Flee sexual immorality. 1 Cor. 6:18
- Know that these sins can be forgiven.  
1 Cor. 6:9-11