



“Keeping Your Marriage Alive”
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You must not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:14 (NLT)

Marriage is to be honored by all, and husbands and wives must be faithful to each other. God will judge those who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

Hebrews 13:4 (GN)

I. WHAT CAUSES MARRIAGE TO DIE?

- Unmet needs
- Unresolved conflicts
- Unfulfilled expectations
- Undeveloped self-worth

II. HOW TO KEEP YOUR MARRIAGE ALIVE

1. Pledge to live by _____.

How can (people) keep their way pure? By living according to your word.

Psalm 119:9 (NIV)

Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone.

Proverbs 5:15 (GN)

2. Amplify the _____.

Don't be so stupid as to think you can get away with your adultery. It will destroy your life, and you'll pay the price for the rest of your days.

Proverbs 6:32 (TPT)

...adultery will cost you all you have.

Proverbs 6:26 (GN)

3. Manage your _____.

How Did You Get into That Mess?

- 1st Entertaining sinful thoughts**
- 2nd Emotional, non-physical involvement**
- 3rd Physical involvement**
- 4th Rationalizing the affair**

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

James 1:14-15 (NLT)

I want you to be wise about what's good, and innocent about what's evil.

Romans 16:19 (CEB)

4. Decrease the _____.

So be careful. If you are thinking, "Oh, I would never behave like that"—let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (LB)

Bad company corrupts good character.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NLT)

The Way Back

1st Admit _____ (Psalm 51:1-4)

2nd End the relationship _____

**3rd _____ all contact with the person from now on.
Do whatever it takes to make it happen.**

Primary source for today's teaching is notes from a seminar I attended taught by Rick & Kay Warren in 1993 called, "Affair-proofing your marriage."

ANSWER KEY:

1. Pledge to live by **GOD'S STANDARDS**.
2. Amplify the **AFTERMATH**.
3. Manage your **THOUGHTS**.
4. Decrease the **CHANCES**.
 - 1st Admit **THE SIN** (Psalm 51:1-4)
 - 2nd End the relationship **IMMEDIATELY**.
 - 3rd **AVOID** all contact with the person from now on. Do whatever it takes to make it happen.