

A photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with metal handcuffs and a wristband visible. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**You Shall Not Commit  
Adultery**

**Exodus 20:14**

A photograph of a woman's hands in handcuffs, with her wrists resting on a metal grate. The image is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the text.

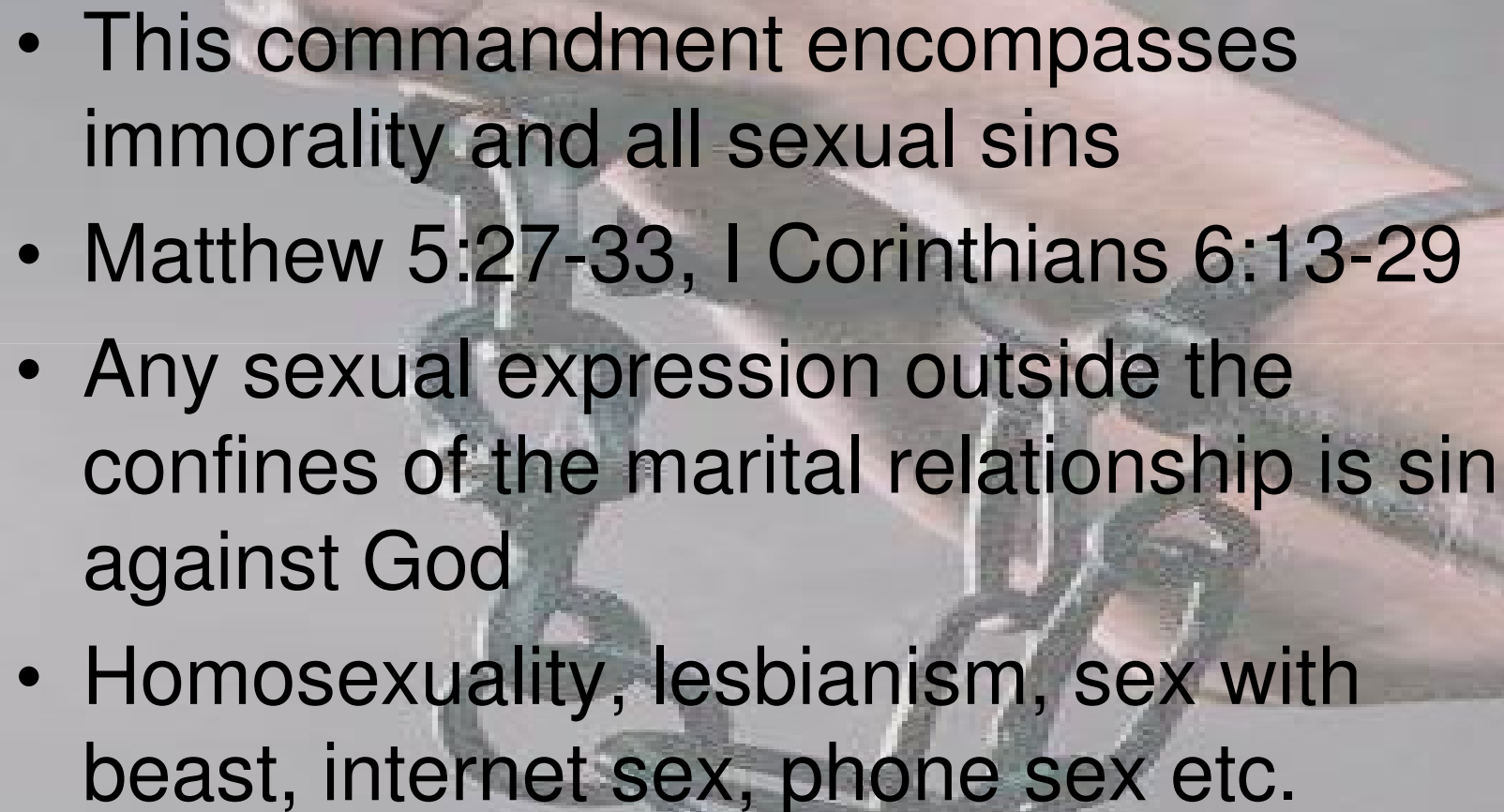
# I. The Propaganda And Marketing Of Sex

- Sex - in the TV, in the computer, advertisement, magazines etc
- Talk about sex, innuendo about sex, images of sex, advice about sex, questionnaire about sex, assertions about sex and problems with sex
- Penile enlargement, Cialis, Viagra
- Latest – “car wash”



## II. The Corruption Of Sex

- Sex drive is virtually equal to our will to live
- God designed man with sexual desire – man – a sexual being
- True sexual relationship is between man and his wife and no other
- Corruption of sex – online pornography, availability of drugs, remedies for erectile dysfunction, estrogens and testosterone supplements – make it easier to be sexual

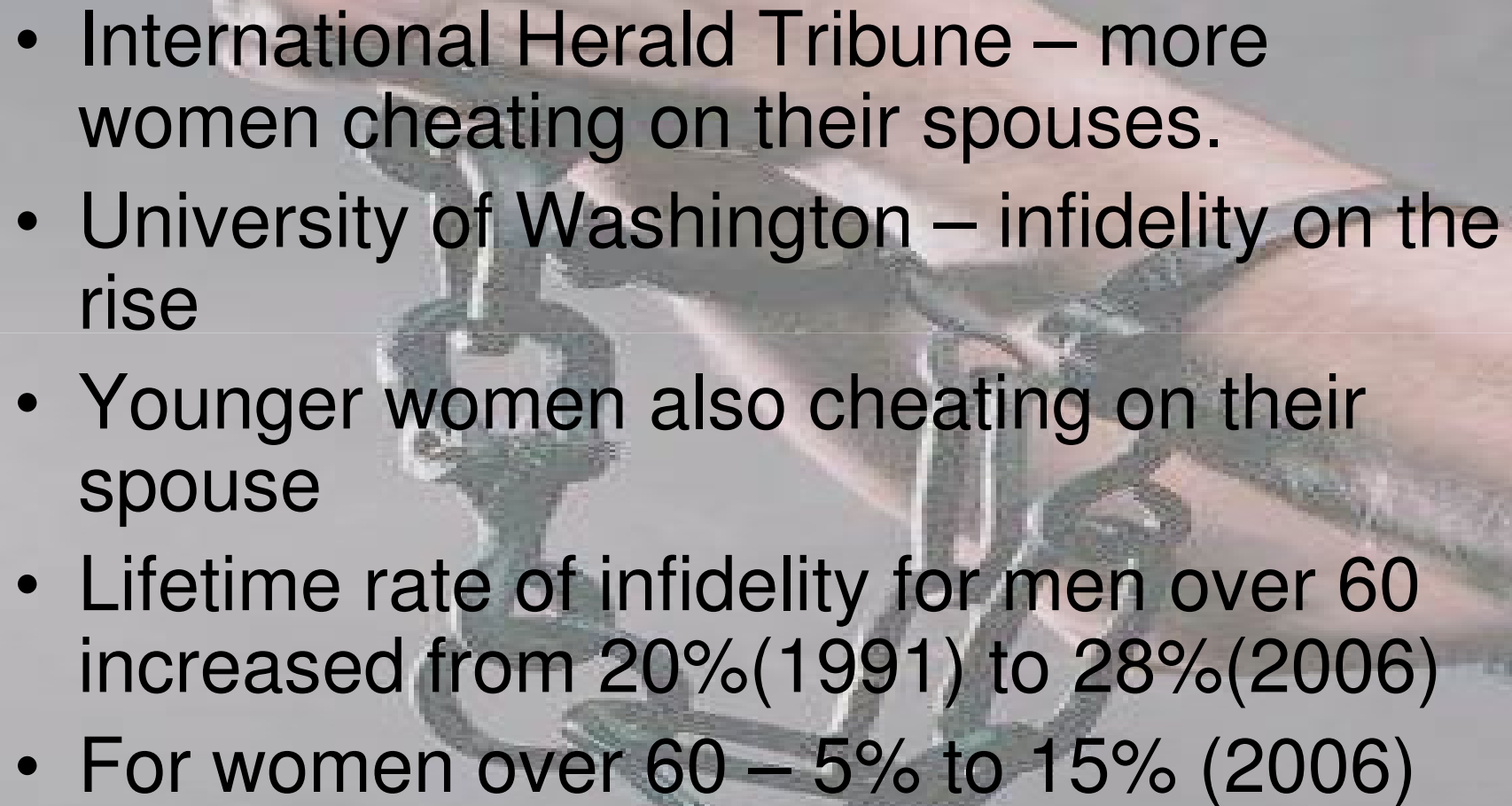
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- This commandment encompasses immorality and all sexual sins
  - Matthew 5:27-33, I Corinthians 6:13-29
  - Any sexual expression outside the confines of the marital relationship is sin against God
  - Homosexuality, lesbianism, sex with beast, internet sex, phone sex etc.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand and forearm, secured in metal handcuffs. The hand is positioned at the top of the frame, with fingers slightly curled. The handcuffs are silver-colored and attached to a dark, possibly black, strap. The background is a plain, light-colored surface. The overall image has a slightly desaturated, greyish tone.

### III. The World's View Of Adultery

#### A. Statistics from the West

- 40-50% of married men has EMA
- CT survey - 45% committed adultery
- BG survey - 40% youths were sexually active
- 60% single adults sexually active and more than half have multiple partners

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- A photograph of a woman's hands in handcuffs, with her fingers crossed. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent grey box containing a bulleted list of statistics on infidelity.
- International Herald Tribune – more women cheating on their spouses.
  - University of Washington – infidelity on the rise
  - Younger women also cheating on their spouse
  - Lifetime rate of infidelity for men over 60 increased from 20%(1991) to 28%(2006)
  - For women over 60 – 5% to 15% (2006)

A photograph of a person's hands in handcuffs, with the hands clasped together. The person is wearing a dark, patterned sleeve. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

## B. Statistics from Singapore

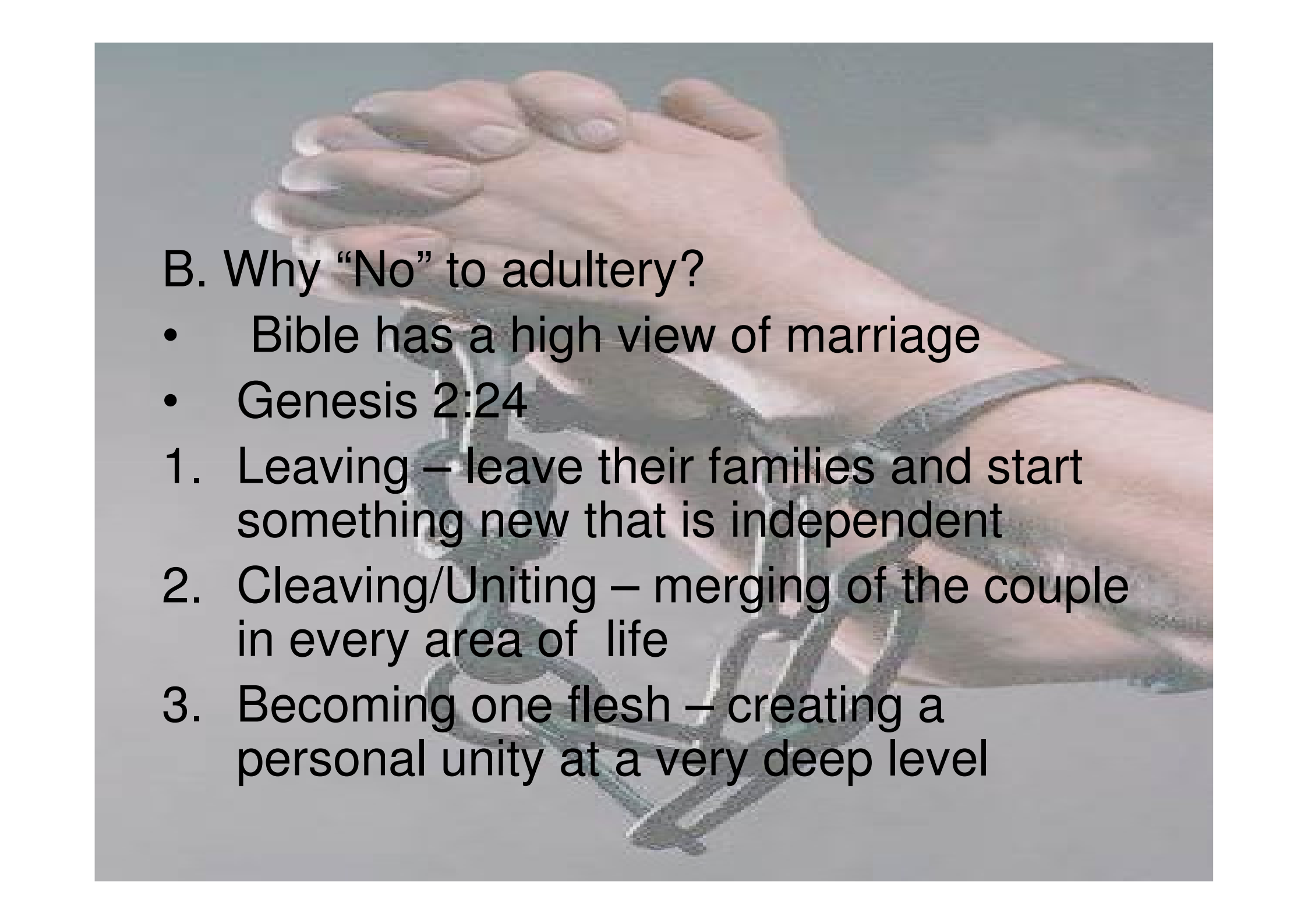
- New Paper Oct 31 2008 – more women cheating on their spouse
- More men engaging PI to spy on their spouse – from 2 to 5 cases per month
- Third party, online relationship
- Divorce and annulments
- 6,388(2004), 7,226(2007) number rising

A close-up photograph of a person's hand and forearm, with their right hand held in a fist and their left hand in an open palm. Both wrists are secured with metal handcuffs. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

## IV. The Bible's View Of Adultery

A. What does the bible teach on adultery?

1. It transgresses God's moral law
2. In the OT adultery was a serious sin, punishable by death
  - Leviticus 20:10,
  - Deuteronomy 22:22



## B. Why “No” to adultery?

- Bible has a high view of marriage
- Genesis 2:24
  1. Leaving – leave their families and start something new that is independent
  2. Cleaving/Uniting – merging of the couple in every area of life
  3. Becoming one flesh – creating a personal unity at a very deep level

A close-up photograph of a person's hand and forearm, with their hand held in a palm-up position. The hand is restrained by a pair of metal handcuffs. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The overall image has a somber and restrictive feel, which serves as a visual metaphor for the 'cost' or 'consequences' mentioned in the text.

## V. The Cost Of Adultery

- A. You bring damage to your spouse
  - 1. Broken the bond and joined another
    - Dishonour and damaged the special oneness
  - 2. Destroy the self esteem of the innocent victim
  - 3. Inflicts great emotional pain on the spouse
  - 4. Escape clause - marital unfaithfulness



B. You bring damage to yourself

1. A result of being in a backslidden condition
2. Many guilty of adultery even though they have never had sexual relations
  - Matthew 5:28,
  - Proverbs 6:26-29, 32-33



## C. You bring damage to your children

- Bad example: David, Amnon, Absalom
- Sexual morality filtering down to the children
- Children lose respect for parents who destroy family over illicit and indecent pleasures



D. You bring damage to your witness and testimony - Destroy your credibility

E. You bring damage to your church

- Church family affected and suffer together
- Sin is not a private thing – it tarnishes the name of the church and destroys ministry in the community



F. You bring damage to the name of Christ

1. Instead of pleasing his name, you displease him
2. The cause of Christ is hindered, name of Christ dragged down
  - Stay sexually pure and avoid activity that may fuel passion and lead to adultery

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## VI. The Victory Over Adultery

- A. Be honest about sex
  - 1. We need to be aware of the allurements of sex
  - 2. See through the lies.
  - 3. Remember, sex promises what it cannot deliver
  - 4. Sexual temptation is not irresistible
  - 5. Be aware that there is more to adultery than the physical act



B. Clean up your act

- End it now! End it today! –
- Matthew 5:29-30

C. Affirm marriage

1. Work at being married
  - a. Respect - Responsibility - Relate  
Romance - Resolve

A photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with a scale of justice overlaid on the image. The hands are positioned at the top of the frame, and the scale is centered over them. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

## D. Get the right attitude

### 1. Guard your mind – Matthew 5:28

- The look of lust or desire is adultery
- Make a choice – choose purity

### 2. Guard your behaviour

- Behave appropriately and be aware of your actions



## Conclusion

What can you do to avoid the trap adultery?

- A. Walk with God – Gal. 5:16, Eph.6:10-17
- B. Avoid suggestive activities
- C. Avoid filthy relationships
  - Simple flirtation leads to big time adultery
- D. Count the cost
- E. Love your mate only – Proverbs 5:15-18