

## The Temptations of a Man

Adultery and Homosexuality

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**Exodus 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery."**

**Romans 1:27 "In the same way men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men ..."**

## SUMMARY:

**Sex is a gift from God.** The Lord created us with sexual feelings. He has established boundaries for sexual behavior. Choosing to engage in adultery, homosexual activity, or pre-marital sex a person crosses the line set by God. This is sinful behavior. God does provide help (1 Corinthians 10:13) when we face such temptations and you can experience His grace and forgiveness. It is up to each man to choose whether he will live by God's design or his own desires. His choices will either build up or breakdown his relationship with a woman.

## NOTES:

An extra marital relationship does not " \_\_\_\_\_" to someone; it's \_\_\_\_\_.

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** What do you believe is the prevalent view of sex being portrayed in today's culture?

**Discussion:**

- What do you think causes men to even consider having a sexual relationship other than that designed by God? (adultery or homosexuality)
- What affect have you seen sinful sexual behavior have on a spouse and family?
- How can you cultivate a richer environment for your wife if married or girlfriend if single?

## APPLICATION:

**Consider ways to "affair-proof your marriage".**

Realize that there is a battle for your mind taking place. Be committed to marriage. Clarify that your spouse is your primary value. Cultivate a mutually enriching environment – be kind, affirmative and appreciative, communicate openly, resolve conflict fairly. Design ways to build genuine love into your marriage relationship – spend quality time together.

Know a friend involved in adultery or homosexuality? Graciously confront them and walk alongside of them showing God's love and forgiveness as well as His design for their life. God promises that we can be a "new creation" in Jesus Christ.

## ON YOUR OWN...

1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Samuel 11

Psalm 51:1-12

Matthew 5:27,28

2 Corinthians 10:5

Genesis 1:27

Romans 1:26,27

Colossians 3:1-2

Genesis 2:22 - 25