

“God is Great, Beer is Good, &  
People Are Crazy”:  
The Ten Commandments

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# *Before He Cheats – Carrie Underwood*

Chorus:

I dug my key into the side  
Of his pretty little souped-up 4 wheel drive  
Carved my name into his leather seat  
I took a Louisville slugger to both head lights  
Slashed a hole in all 4 tires  
And maybe next time he'll think before he cheats

*Whether spouses, fiances, boyfriends, girlfriends, friends with benefits, or even best friends, no one likes to be cheated on. No amount of “enlightenment” has changed that basic human response. It says we are created with a desire for faithfulness.*

# Desire for Faithfulness

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The Seventh Commandment

Adultery as...

Sex outside of your Marriage

You shall not commit adultery. (NIV)

No adultery. (the Message)

# Sex is Good! within God's parameters...

- <sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern,  
running water from your own well.
- <sup>16</sup> Should your springs overflow in the streets,  
your streams of water in the public squares?
- <sup>17</sup> Let them be yours alone,  
never to be shared with strangers.
- <sup>18</sup> May your fountain be blessed,  
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.
- <sup>19</sup> A loving doe, a graceful deer—  
may her breasts satisfy you always,  
may you ever be intoxicated with her love.
- Proverbs 5:18-19

# Jesus on Adultery

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. - Matthew 5:27-30

# 1. Adultery as Impurity

“The OT command not to commit adultery is often treated in Jewish sources not so much as a function of purity as of theft: it was to steal another’s wife. Jesus insisted that the seventh commandment points in another direction – toward purity that refuses to lust.”

- D.A. Carson, *Commentary on Matthew*.

# Getting Down & Dirty about Purity...

## Practical Issues:

- Premarital Sex: *Spiritual vs. Natural*
- Lust: *Admiring vs. Using*
  - i.e. Pornography – the commodification of sex
  - i.e. Chick flicks – the commodification of romance
- Modesty: *Beauty vs. Sexual*
- Secular Influences: *Wisdom vs. Law*

# Reflection

The Apostle Paul understood what it meant to consider deeply Jesus' words on sin. Read Romans chapters 7 & 8. Spend time reflecting on how Paul dealt with the impossible standard Jesus sets and apply that to your own life.

