## Adultery

## I Thess. 4:3

- 1. Adultery or fornication is often used in the Word of God to describe apostasy. (Jeremiah 3:8-10; Ezekiel 16:23-43; Rev. 17:1-5; Heb.12:16)
- 2. Marriage and sex are designed for our good. (I Thess. 4:3, 4; Heb. 13:4) "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled." Honorable = τίμιος valuable, precious, respected, of great worth.

  Undefiled = ἀμίαντος; μιαίνω = defile, stain
- 3. Adultery always mars trust and destroys compatibility between husband and wife mentally and physically. It is the basis for divorce and remarriage. (Matt. 5:32; 19:9; Luke 16:18; Deut. 24:4) Desertion or adultery gives right for divorce and remarriage.
- 4. Promiscuous activity has a destructive effect upon the human body. (I Cor. 6:13-18; Prov. 6:32 In Eph. 4:19) Greediness a Greek noun. In Eph. 5:3 the Greek noun covetousness is  $\pi\lambda\epsilon$ 0 $\nu\epsilon\xi$ 1 $\mu$ 0 which means a frantic search for happiness in the details of life PROMISCUOUS ACTIVITY! Results: Male-impotence and inability to copulate. Female: Loss of pleasure in sex, resulting in frigidity or nymphomania frustration and misery.
- 5. Adultery mars and hurts the soul of the believer. (Eph. 4:19; Proverbs 6:32) "The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking understanding; he that doeth it destroys his own soul."
- 6. Mental adultery is condemned. (Matt. 5:27, 28) "Whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."
- 7. Adultery is prohibited by God's Word. (Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18) "Thou shalt not commit adultery."
- 8. Promiscuous activity is accepting a substitute in order to gratify a biological or emotional urge. Trusting the Lord causes one to "flee fornication." (I Cor. 6:18)
- 9. The greatest benefit in the expression of love in marriage is gained by those who are in fellowship with Jesus Christ and stabilized in God's Word.
- 10. Every believer will eventually meet his God's right person, therefore he must wait on the Lord. NO OTHER PERSON WILL DO! In God's original plan, He chose the right person for Adam and for you. (Gen. 2:21-25; Eph. 5:31-33; Proverbs 18:22)