

## FIREPROOF Your Relationships Two Become One

Psalms 32:5 (NLT) I confessed all my sins to you.. And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Hebrews 13:4 (NLT) Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

Genesis 2:24 (NLT) This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Matthew 19:6 (NLT) Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.”

Six steps to protect your marriage from an affair...

1. Make a commitment to God's standard.

Psalms 119:9 (NIV) How can a person keep his way pure?" By living according to Your word.

2. Magnify the consequences of unfaithfulness.

Proverbs 6:27-29 (NLT) Can a man scoop fire into his lap and not be burned? Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet? So it is with the man who sleeps with another man's wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished.

3. Nurture your marriage.

I Corinthians 7:3 (GN) A man should fulfill his duty as a husband, a wife should fulfill her duty as a wife and each should satisfy the other's needs.

Dr. Willard Harley, author of the book His Needs, Her Needs Identifies the top 5 needs of most men and the top 5 needs of most women.

The top five needs of most men are:

1. Sexual fulfillment
2. Recreational companionship
3. An attractive spouse
4. Domestic support
5. Admiration

The top five needs of most women are:

1. Affection
2. Conversation
3. Honesty and openness
4. Financial support
5. Family commitment

1 Corinthians 7:5 (Phillips) Do not cheat each other of normal sexual intercourse... or you will expose yourselves to the obvious temptation of Satan.

4. Get control of your thought life.

James 1:14-15 (NIV) but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

2 Timothy 2:22 (Phillips) Turn your back on lustful desires and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love and peace.

Romans 16:19 (NIV) I want you to be wise about what is good and innocent about evil.

5. Manage your non-marital relationships properly.

Ephesians 5:3 (NIV) But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality.

6. Minimize the opportunities that make you vulnerable.