



# You Shall Not Commit Adultery

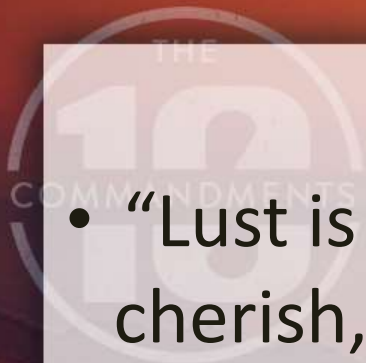
Exodus 20:14

(cf. Deuteronomy 5:18)

## **Matthew 5:27-28**

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (ESV)*

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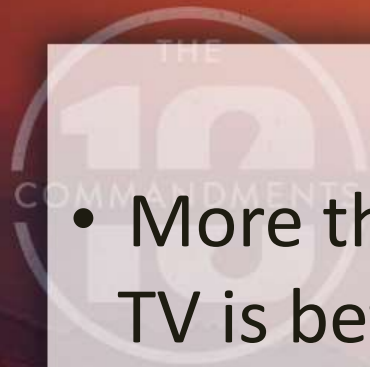


## Lustful Intent

- “Lust is a thought that I entertain, cherish, or hold onto, that if I did what I was thinking, it would clearly be sin.”

—John Maxwell

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- 35% of men and 26% of women have had an extramarital affair.

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# Three Myths of a Weak Society

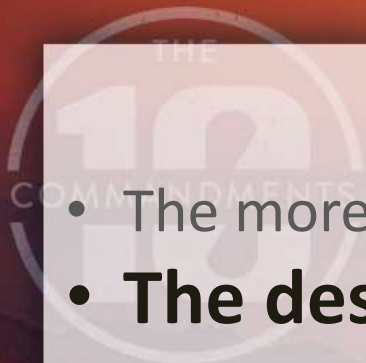


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## Myth #2

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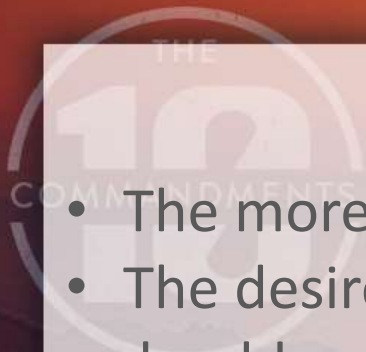
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## Huffington Post

- “When you follow your heart, you cease having regrets. There is no greater truth that when we follow our heart, we cease to have regrets ... You learn to trust your instincts and know that if you listen, your heart will guide you in the right direction.”

“10 Reasons to Follow Your Heart,”  
by Dr. Nikki Martinez, Feb 9, 2017

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# Myth #3

- The more freedom I have, the happier I will be.
- The desires of my heart reveal the direction I should go.
- **It is no big deal, sex is just physical.**

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# Three Keys for a Strong Society



# Truth #1

- At the heart of the principle is the **SACREDNESS** of marriage.

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# Why the Family Is Important

- Because without it, the passing on of society's values from generation to generation is impossible.
- Because commitment to a wife and children makes men more responsible and mature.
- Because, more than anything else, family meets most women's deepest emotional and material needs.
- Because nothing comes close to the family in giving children a secure and stable childhood.

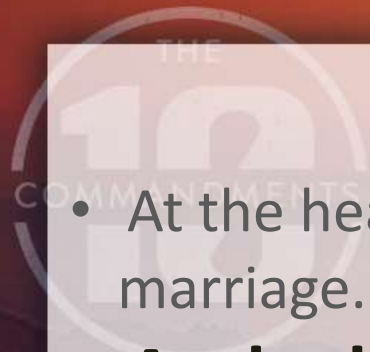
(Dennis Prager—*The 10 Commandments*)

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# **The Core Building Block of Society**

- Communities do not & cannot thrive when families do not function well.
- The FAMILY is the core building block of every society.
- Families do not function well when marriages do not last.
- Marriages cannot last without commitment & trust.

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## Truth #2

- At the heart of the principle is the sacredness of marriage.
- **At the heart of the principle is the PERMANENCE of marriage.**

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## **Malachi 2:14-16**

*“Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? ... So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. ‘For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her,’ says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.”* (ESV)

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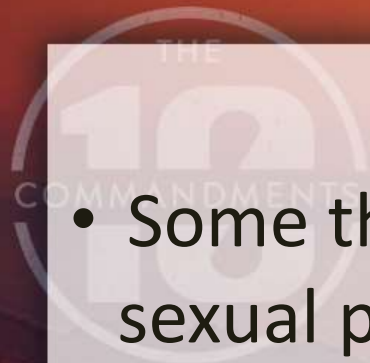
## Truth #3

- At the heart of the principle is the sacredness of marriage.
- At the heart of the principle is the permanence of marriage.
- **At the heart of the principle is the INTIMACY of marriage.**

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## **Ephesians 5:31-32**

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.” (ESV)*



# Adultery

- Some think adultery is wrong because sexual passion is wrong.
- Some say adultery is wrong because so much pain is involved.
- Adultery is wrong because it misuses God's symbol and pledge of fidelity.
- Adultery uses sex to smash rather than to cement a God-designed covenant.

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## **Rick Atchley**

- “Our culture has separated sex from the oneness of two people. God treats sex as something holy, but our culture treats sex lightly. The problem with treating sex lightly is that it leads to treating people lightly. In other words, disposable sex makes for disposable people, and that’s a hard way for the houses of souls to be handled.”

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# 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

*“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”* (ESV)

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No higher civilization can endure  
that condones adultery.