

LAW & GOSPEL

7th Commandment: Marriage & Purity Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-32

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1. The 7th commandment is built on the reality that the institution of marriage was _____ by God to be observed in all societies for all time.

- a. Marriage is a _____ of companionship between one man and one woman for a lifetime.
- b. Marriage is the God ordained _____ for the sexual relationship between a man and a woman.

2. Foundational implications of marriage.

- a. God created man _____ and _____.
- b. All distortions of the marriage relationship are to be _____ even if they are culturally acceptable.
- c. The sin of _____ has far reaching implications for both individuals and marriages.

“The sin of adultery impairs the mind; it steals away the understanding; it stupefies the heart.” - Thomas Watson

3. Duties required by the 7th commandment.

- a. Marriage is to be honored by all, including those who are _____. Therefore clear biblical standards must be understood and adhered to in dating and courtship.
- b. _____ of heart and behavior must be given serious priority in life.

“We must on pain of eternal damnation give up those companions, situations, or pursuits, though dear to us as right eyes, or right hands, which prove a snare to our souls.” - Andrew Fuller

- c. Husbands and wives are to be _____ to one another both physically and mentally.

*“The special duties belonging to marriage, are love and fidelity. Love is the marriage of the affections.”
- Thomas Watson*

4. God ordained that marriage be a constant testimony to the relationship of Jesus Christ and His church which gives both purpose and _____.