



Week 6: Command #7
You Shall Not Commit Adultery

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***Sermon Notes: Week 6: The Ten Suggestions? —
Command #7: You Shall Not Commit Adultery***

1. The 7th Commandment:

*“You shall not **commit adultery.**”*

- Deuteronomy 5:18

2. In light of how challenging this command is, we must remember:

*“Where sin abounds, grace **abounded all the more.**”*

- Romans 5:20

The WHAT of the 7th Commandment:

- It isn't clearly stated in the Bible that both parties have to be married. Thus if one person is married and is sexually engaged with another person (who is not married) they are BOTH involved in adultery.
- This topic appears in Deuteronomy 5:18, Leviticus 18:20, Exodus 20:14, and Deuteronomy 22:22, as well as throughout the Book of Proverbs.
- It not a 'one off' kind of command – it comes up again and again.

3. The WHY of the 7th Commandment:

Historical impact

Family impact

Individual impact

4. The Spiritual Metaphor:

*- Marriage and physical intimacy is a **metaphor** of the relationship between Christ and **the church.***

5. Jesus' Diagnosis: Adultery is not just a 'sex' issue, it's a **heart issue.**

OTHER NOTES ON THE 7th COMMANDMENT:

Connect Group Discussion Guide: Week 6 — Command #7: You Shall Not Commit Adultery

***A Loving Caution: Please be especially gracious when discussing this topic.
Many people have been privately impacted by adultery.***

OPENING:

How do you think American culture is doing overall in keeping the 7th Commandment? Explain why.

GOING DEEPER

1. What did you think about the idea that monogamy was not at all the norm when this commandment was given to the Israelites?
2. Adultery is about more than just sex – why else do people engage in it?
3. Jesus' diagnosis was that adultery is rooted in a heart of lust. What are ways people justify their lustful attitudes?
4. How has God brought healing in various areas of your lives (other than the area of adultery?) Do you believe God can do this in a relationship that has been impacted by adultery?
5. Spend some time in prayer asking God for hope and healing for those impacted by adultery, and also for protection for relationships.

CHALLENGE

- Here are a few ways Pastor Tim and his wife Jenny work at keeping themselves out of dangerous situations and relationships. Think about maybe implementing some of them in your own relationships to avoid temptation.
 - *If Tim is going to meet with a female, it is always in a public place during day-time hours.*
 - *Tim always lets Jenny and Leanne (Tim's admin) know beforehand if he is going to meet with someone of the opposite sex.*
 - *Tim and Jenny have full-access to one another's cell phones, Facebook accounts, etc.*
 - *Tim and Jenny work at spending time together and sharing face-to-face every week to encourage and strengthen their own relationship.*