

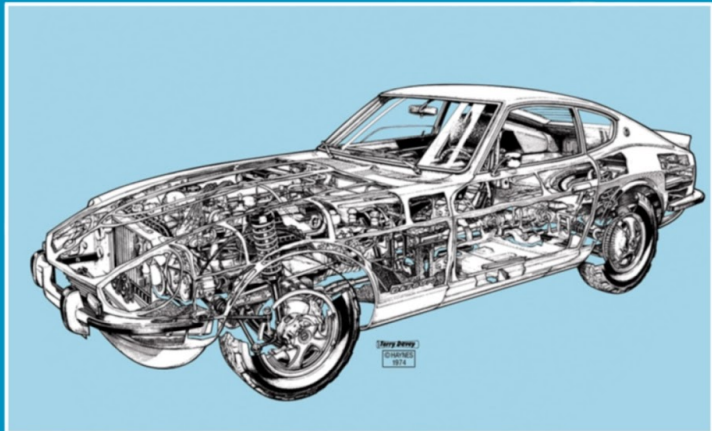
THE WAY IT WORKS

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Ultimate Life Guide/Manual

20:02 thru 20:17 Commandments
1 - 10, no other, no idols, not in vain, 6-day & 1, honor, not kill,
loyal, not steal, not lie, not covet



The Way it Works — Do Not Commit Adultery Sermon Discussion Questions – October 15, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Exodus 20:14 (NIV84) ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

Matthew 5:27–30 (NIV84) ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right-hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Warm Up:

As we continue in our series, what has been your favorite thing you have learned so far?

Discussion:

1. As we have been working through the 10 Commandments, and when you read the bottom line of this series, how has your view of the 10 Commandments changed?
The law of God shows me I’m a sinner, and sends me to Jesus for salvation. Jesus returns me to the law, to show me the way life works.
2. Read Exodus 20:14. Why do you think this commandment was added? Why is it significant that God added a Commandment about sexuality?

3. Pastor Tom told us the difference between conviction and condemnation.
Conviction is a vital, even desired part of a relationship. If there is a way that I can love Lisa or love my children better, if there is a way I can be a better friend, pastor or leader, I want God to reveal those things to me. That is conviction. Condemnation says I will never be a good father, a good husband, a good friend, or a good leader. Condemnation never comes from God, it only comes from the evil one.
How do you differentiate conviction and condemnation in your life? What do you do to stop condemnation from the evil one?

4. Read Matthew 5:27-30.
In this passage, Jesus moves us from behavior to the heart that produces the behavior. What can we learn about the heart in this passage? What can we learn about how Jesus views sexuality in this passage?

5. Pastor Tom said:
A relationship has the power to change what a religion does not, it can change a heart.
Why are relationships so important? Why do you think relationships are so important to Jesus?

6. Pastor Tom presented us with a myth and the truth:
Myth – Sex is just a physical act
Truth – Sex is not just physical.
Do you find yourself buying into the myth, or walking in the truth? How does your view change when you see this is true? How does that impact how you view other people?

Next Steps:

Pastor Tom ended his message with this:

So many Christian people are fooling with these things in our minds and our privacy. We are living on that slippery slope that if revealed would be destructive. Don't let it go another day. This morning, where you are, reach out to Christ and reach out to your spouse, and tell her or him that you love them unreservedly and that you'll follow with them wherever they go and whatever they do.

And for those who feel they've screwed this up so royally it is irreparable; who feel there's no possibility of a future, no forgiveness, no hope—don't allow the Evil One to drag you down, that is condemnation. Don't listen to the spirit of the Pharisee. Listen to the words of Christ: "Neither do I condemn you. Now go and sin no more." This is a heart issue and Jesus specializes in the heart.

Take time to remind one another of these words: "Neither do I condemn you. Now go and sin no more."
Read Romans 8:1 – "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."

As you wrap up your discussion time and as you go about your week, remember these words, remember this is your story, and ask yourself what do you need to do to give Him back the authority in your life.