

## Exodus 20:14

Intentionally Pure

*Guard your heart ...*

### I. Sacred Things

A. Human Sexuality

B. The Marriage Covenant

### II. Corrupted

A. Adultery

B. Fornication

### III. Has Consequences

A. Personal

B. Societal

### IV. Needs Correction

A. Repentance

B. Self-Control

*... watch your step.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

Gender is a word we use to describe whether someone is a boy (male) or a girl (female)

1. Which gender was Adam, the first person God made?

2. Why did God make Eve? Which gender was she?

3. Their relationship shows us what marriage is supposed to look like. What very basic truth does their different genders tell us about marriage?

4. Our bodies belong to God first and then to ourselves unless we get married. Should people share their bodies in a close way with anyone they are not married to?

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SENSOR FIX ENHANCE ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS!**

## Guard Your Heart – Set Your Feet

It is easy to look around us and see how morally perverse our culture has become in many areas including sexuality. Violations of God's 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment in their many manifestations are evident everywhere we turn, and our souls are vexed. It is almost a guarantee that our families have been impacted by some degree of sexual immorality. Mankind has such a knack for twisting and distorting sacred things the LORD designed for His glory and for our good. As Jesus says: *out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander* (Matthew 15:19). We can and should grieve over the horrid abuses and distortions of sexuality we witness in this fallen world – but we can't see into the hearts of others, so short of the transformation offered in the Gospel, there is little we can do to actually change the core issue behind the problem. We can, however deal with ourselves. Jesus brings it up close and personal when He says: *But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.* (Matthew 5:28). As with all sin, the heart principle brings it back home to us personally, and that's where we need to start – self-examination and genuine repentance. Guard your hearts against adultery and make sure your feet are always set and ready to flee temptation.

### Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.