

LET'S TALK ABOUT

SEX

"Affair-Proof"

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1 Corinthians 7:1-5 (ESV)

KEY PRINCIPLE:

When needs are not met in marriage, then there is the temptation to _____ of marriage to have those needs met.

UNDERSTANDING EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIRS

1. In most cases, affairs are not about the desire for new _____.
2. Instead, what drives many individuals to become involved in extramarital affairs is a lack of emotional fulfillment within the existing relationship – that is, _____.

HER NEEDS

("His Needs, Her Needs" by Willard F. Harley)

1. _____ – To most women affection symbolizes security, protection, comfort, and approval. When a husband shows his wife affection, he sends the following messages: (1) I'll take care of you and protect you; (2) I'm concerned about the problems you face, and I am with you; (3) I think you've done a good job, and I'm so proud of you.
2. _____ – Wives need their husbands to talk to them and to listen to them; they need lots of two-way conversation.
3. _____ – A wife needs to trust her husband totally. If a husband does not keep up honest and open communication with his wife, he undermines her trust and eventually destroys her security. If she can't trust the signals he sends, she has no foundation on which to build a solid relationship. Instead of adjusting to him, she always feels off balance; instead of growing toward him, she grows away from him.
4. _____ – No matter how successful a career a woman might have, she usually wants her husband to earn enough money to allow her to feel supported and cared for.

5. _____ – A wife needs her husband to be a good father and have a family commitment. Above all, wives want their husbands to take a leadership role in the family and to commit themselves to the moral and educational development of their children.

HIS NEEDS

1. _____ – The typical wife doesn't understand her husband's deep need for sex any more than the typical husband understands his wife's deep need for affection. But these two ingredients can work very closely together in a happy, fulfilled marriage. Sex can come naturally and often, if there is enough affection.
2. _____ – He needs her to be his playmate. Among the five basic male needs, spending recreational time with his wife is second only to sex for the typical husband.
3. _____ – A man needs a wife who looks good to him. Most men find it nearly impossible to appreciate a woman for her inner qualities alone – there must be more. A man's need for physical attractiveness in a mate is profound.
4. _____ – The male need for his wife to "take care of things" – especially him – is widespread, persistent, and deep.
5. _____ – He needs her to be proud of him. Wives need to learn how to express the admiration they already feel for their husbands instead of pressuring them to greater achievements. Honest admiration is a great motivator for men. When a woman tells a man she thinks he's wonderful, that inspires him to achieve more. He sees himself capable of handling new responsibilities and perfecting skills far above those of his present level.

KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK ONE ANOTHER:

What are your top needs and am I meeting them to

_____?

CENTRAL TRUTH

I can affair-proof my marriage by meeting the needs of my spouse.

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