

# "What Causes Affairs"

Affairs are very common in our society. Most people who commit adultery do not set out on a course to bring heartache to themselves and those they love. The old saying, "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure" can serve us well, when it comes to keeping our marriages strong and not falling into this trap.

\* **The 5 Needs of Husbands:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**The 5 Needs of Wives:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.

\* **Dr. Willard Harley – "His Needs/ Her Needs"**

1. Affairs usually begin as a \_\_\_\_\_, with that person beginning to meet needs a \_\_\_\_\_ should be meeting.
2. Often the friendship that turns into an affair is not based on \_\_\_\_\_ attraction because the attachment is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Being attracted to someone is not \_\_\_\_\_. **BUT:**
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ on it is.
  - B. Not \_\_\_\_\_ it is dangerous.
  - C. Not \_\_\_\_\_ is destructive.
4. **Proverbs 5: 15-23, 6:23-33, 7:6-23**  
**When contemplating an affair calculate "the final cost" such as:**
  - A. Losing your \_\_\_\_\_. **Prov. 22:1**
  - B. Embittering your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Intense \_\_\_\_\_ pressure.
  - D. Breaking your \_\_\_\_\_. (\_\_\_\_\_ is the issue)
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse.
  - F. Losing your \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
  - G. Damaging the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - H. Losing your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I. \_\_\_\_\_ you will not minister to.
  - J. Losing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - K. \_\_\_\_\_ in your family that will not be blessed.  
**Genesis 49:3-4 – Reuben**
  - L. Hurting the \_\_\_\_\_ Who \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
  - M. Being \_\_\_\_\_ by God. **Heb. 12:4-11**
  - N. Losing \_\_\_\_\_. **Prov. 6:26, 6:32-33**

5. Once married, deep friendships with someone of the opposite sex should \_\_\_\_\_! **the VOW: "forsaking all others"**

- THEREFORE:**
- No \_\_\_\_\_ alone.
  - No \_\_\_\_\_.
  - No \_\_\_\_\_.
  - No \_\_\_\_\_.

***"Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be \_\_\_\_\_?" - Proverbs 6:27***

6. **When two people are caught in an affair (*"initial benefit"*)**

- A. They have a strong \_\_\_\_\_ to meet each other's needs.
- B. A \_\_\_\_\_ love develops, then becomes a passionate \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
- C. They become \_\_\_\_\_ on multiple levels. **1 Cor. 6:15-20**
- D. They seem to bring out the \_\_\_\_\_ in each other.
- E. It becomes one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ relationships they have ever known.
- F. They lose all sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. They become \_\_\_\_\_ to each other.
- H. Their whole relationship is based on \_\_\_\_\_, not reality, for they have ignored each other's faults.
- I. The longer the affair goes on, the more \_\_\_\_\_ it is to break it off.

7. While most people would say they would never get involved in an affair, under the \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances, \_\_\_\_\_ of us can fall prey, if our \_\_\_\_\_ are not being met.

8. Affairs start because \_\_\_\_\_ have slowly emptied.