

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Training Class 5:00 P.M.
 Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

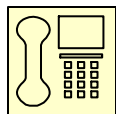
Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Affair Proofing Your Marriage

by Mark Broyles

The following excerpts are taken from an article that first appeared in *Biblical Insights*, Vol. 7, No. 1, January 2007. Mark will speak on this very subject Thursday night.

Consider the Cost

“Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death” (Proverbs 7:26-27).

Few decisions you make can ruin more aspects of your life more quickly than an adulterous affair. In every conceivable way, it ends up feeling like death: spiritual death, moral death, marital death, sometimes even physical death (consider the number of people who die every year from sexually transmitted diseases). While it is true that not all sins make you pay quickly, adultery presents the bill almost

immediately. A similar warning is found in Proverbs 6:27-29: “Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned... without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.” The message is loud and clear: adultery is playing with fire! You will always get burned!

The apostle Paul declared that “a man reaps what he sows” (Galatians 6:7). The real tragedy of infidelity is that many marriages end in divorce. But even when it does not terminate the marriage it wreaks havoc in the relationship.

In the blink of an eye, the trust and security that was the foundation for a healthy marriage is



destroyed. Sadly, it takes years of dedicated work to rebuild lost trust and security ripped away by an affair.

Do we think for a moment that if David had really evaluated all the consequences of his sin that he would still have chosen to walk that path. But few who give in to adultery think about its real cost. An extramarital affair costs not just a car or a mink coat or new golf clubs—it costs your life! (Proverbs 5:3-5). It is critical that we see the end from the beginning if we are to stand strong. And, what it costs our

families and us is not the end. Adultery in the life of a Christian costs God, too. As Nathan said to David, “You have given occasion to the enemy to blaspheme” (2 Samuel 12:14).

Keep the Home Fires Burning

“Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. ... May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth” (Proverbs 5:15, 18).

Your spouse is a gift from God and to not appreciate the gift is to not appreciate the giver. If we would spend all our marital effort in loving, admiring, appreciating, and serving our spouse we would do much to eliminate the desire to ever be fulfilled elsewhere. If I see my wife as the most beautiful woman in the world and God's gift as the fulfillment of my life, then she should be the object of my affection and my attention. Why should I look upon another woman?

No one time event or promise will affair-proof your marriage. Complete fidelity takes constant, conscientious effort. But the work is well worth the joy of having a husband or wife who is your faithful, lifelong best friend. Consider the wise words of author Peggy Vaughn: “Preventing affairs is not like having a onetime inoculation—or even getting occasional booster shots. It's more like taking a pill every day for the rest of your life.”

