

"More Bitter Than Death"

Introduction: We are living in an _____ culture. One of the most destructive things known to any marriage is the sin of _____.

- I. The _____ (Ecclesiastes 7:20-25, 27-28)
 - A. King Solomon went searching for _____ in all different places.
 - B. People of the world are constantly searching for security, significance, and _____.
 - C. True satisfaction in life can only come from a relationship with the _____.
 - D. God wants believers to _____ life as He intended (Jn. 10:10).
 - E. Good and godly people are hard to _____ (Psalm 12:1).
 - F. A good and godly woman is very _____ (Prov. 31:10).
 - G. The moral condition of a nation's women is extremely _____ (Is. 3).
- II. The _____ (Ecclesiastes 7:26)
 - A. Solomon understood very well the _____ an ungodly woman can be (1 Ki. 11:3).
 - B. Nothing can _____ a man like a good woman, and nothing can _____ a man like a bad woman.
 - C. "Those dainty little hands become _____ of iron. You think you have her, but she has you" (Sexton).
 - D. This is one of Satan's biggest _____ (Prov. 5:3-8; 6:23-26; 7:4-27).
 - E. Falling into the trap of adultery will bring complete _____ (Prov. 5:9-14; 6:27-35).
- III. The _____ (Ecclesiastes 7:26)
 - A. God will make a way of _____ from all temptations (1 Cor. 10:13).
 - B. Our _____ with the Lord is the key to safety.
 - C. "If you hear of a preacher who falls, he did not fall with the woman first. He fell first in his _____ with God" (Sexton).
 - D. "Our safety has much more to do with our _____ to God than our distance from the opposite sex" (ibid.).
 - E. Too many Christians today are cold and _____ in their Christianity.
 - F. Married believers are to find their pleasure and satisfaction in the _____, not out somewhere else (Prov. 5:15-18).
 - G. "God made the _____, man made the casino, the theater, and the ball room" (Arnot).
 - H. Our _____ of God is what will keep us safe (Prov. 16:6).
 - I. _____ is a great example of victory over temptation (Gen. 39).
 - J. There are certain sins that we are no match for and must simply _____ away from (1 Cor. 6:18; 2 Tim. 2:22).
 - K. Be sure to _____ those things which would desensitize you concerning sin.

Conclusion: God created the family to be enjoyed as a gift from Him. Do not allow the sin of unfaithfulness to destroy such a wonderful gift from the Lord.