

THE DEVIL'S D'S FOR DIRTY DEEDS

INTRODUCTION

- i. God intends that the blessings for happiness is to be enjoyed by those who practice clean living.
 - A. God intended one man for one woman—for life.
 1. Only after death of a companion is one to have another marriage partner. Rom. 7:2-3
 2. One exception to this is that if one mate puts away a mate for the “cause” of fornication on the part of the one being put away, this allows the one putting away that mate to remarry without it being adultery on his or her part. Matt. 19:9
 3. Any other sexual intimacy is not only sinful in God’s sight, but is also harmful to the body, mind and the home.
 - a. Fornication before marriage is bad enough and leaves some permanent scars, but fornication after marriage is terrible, and what we are concerned about in this study.
 - b. Fornication is the only grounds God allows for dissolving a one-man and one-woman relationship. Matt. 5:32; 19:9
 - B. Unfaithfulness to the marriage vows is the DEVIL’S DIRTY DEED that leads to many consequences-- all beginning with the letter “D”, reminding us that when we practice immorality, we are of the devil. 1 John 3:8
- ii. What are these “D’s”?

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, DECEITFULNESS.

- A. The very act of fornication is an act of deceit, for it is usually done in secret, in violation of the laws of God and of the land, and without the consent of the marriage partner.
- B. It is also deceitfulness in that one deceives self into thinking any real good can come from such conduct. Prov. 9:17-18; 14:12; 20:17; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 6:7-8
- C. It also leads to deceitfulness in word (as well as in deed).
 1. A woman who makes a companion “think” she is his wife is deceiving him, when she is an unlawful “wife” to another.
 2. What unfaithful person would be honest enough to tell the truth when under suspicion by a companion?
 3. One who commits fornication will find NO difficulty in lying about it, for lying seems so insignificant compared to immorality.

II. 2nd, DISTRUST.

- A. One who practices fornication becomes untrustworthy to a companion.
 1. One who has given in once or more will find it harder not to give in the next time.
 2. A mate can never be sure a companion will remain pure, once purity it has been lost.
- B. Those who practice fornication cannot trust their innocent companions.
 1. They subconsciously feel that those of the opposite sex are after their companions, just as they pursued someone else’s companion.
 2. They also feel that their companions are going to yield to temptation, just as others yielded to them.

III. DISGUST.

- A. Self-anger or disgust is inevitable for those who yield to a moment’s weakness, or continual indulgence.
- B. Those who are proud of their conduct will live a disgusting life, and bring disgust from a broken-hearted companion.

IV. DISGRACE.

- A. The grace of character beauty is gone, and will some way show itself in the personality and relationship with the companion. 1 Pet. 3:1-4

B. When fornication is exposed, there is pure shame, dishonor and disgrace. Rom. 6:21;
Prov. 6:32-33

V. 5th, DETERIORATION.

A. Of the HOME.

1. The atmosphere of quarreling and bickering replaces the happiness that once was.
2. Divorce is generally inevitable. Matt. 19:9
 - a. If fornication is never exposed, it will cause other problems to develop which lead to divorce.
 - b. If fornication is exposed, the home will have greater difficulty surviving.

B. Of LOVE in the home.

1. Heart-love is sometimes replaced with head-love, for once unfaithfulness has been committed, it is difficult to love as before, or be loved as before.
2. Sexual harmony is also disrupted after unfaithfulness.
3. If one truly loves a companion, the marriage vow will NOT be broken.

C. Of CHARACTER.

1. Fornication is a selfish act of selfishness on the part of a selfish person, and the selfish are prone to become more selfish when their desires are satisfied.
2. Self-respect goes out a one-way window when a strange lover enters the bedroom door.

D. Of COMPATIBILITY.

1. Secret love makes the legal home appear to be second rate, and the relationship is strained because the heart is elsewhere.
2. Exposed love-affairs bring irritability and supersensitivity about little things.

E. Of SPIRITUAL LIVING.

1. Betrayal of married love is incompatible with Christianity, and eats away at love for God. 1 John 2:15; Jas. 4:4
2. Carnal living destroys spiritual living. Rom. 8:5-7; Gal. 6:16-17

VI. 6th, DAMNATION.

A. Immediate damnation for immorality is the result, for immediate sin brings immediate penalty or condemnation from God.

B. Eternal damnation is **only** for the impenitent.

1. It can be avoided by the Christian who avoids the first 5 D's by remaining pure.
2. It can be avoided by those who HAVE been affected by the first 5 D's, if genuine repentance takes place.

CONCLUSION

I. Don't be deceived into thinking you can make a play-thing out of sex and not face the consequences.

A. Repentance is not always possible, for 2 reasons.

1. 1st, the heart may become hardened in the enjoyment of sin.
2. 2nd, death may come before repentance occurs.

B. Repentance may be possible, but it does not always (if ever) remove the consequences of the first 5 D's.

II. Keep yourselves pure for everyone's good.