

8. **Promiscuity** The word basically means *composed of all sorts of persons or things*. “Sexual promiscuity” means the cohabiting with a plurality of persons. Society has adopted words or phrases to “lighten” the impact of other words or phrases. Example: *“He’s having a little affair”*; *“They’re just sowing their wild oats”*; or *“She’s playing the field.”* What we really mean is that they are committing fornication. (Isa 5:20) *“Woe unto them that call _____ good, and _____ evil; that put _____ for _____, and light for darkness.”*
9. **More On Promiscuity** Sexual intimacy is reserved for the married. Marriage is more than just a fleshly union; it is a contract between one man and one woman. All valid contracts have conditions. One such condition is best stated with the vow of *“forsaking all others so long as we both shall live.”* Paul describes the sexual union in this way: (1 Cor 6:16) *“Know ye not that he which is _____ to an _____ is one body? for two, saith he, shall be _____.”* Obviously this is a “union of fornication” as opposed to a union approved by God. (a) Prostitutes are by definition promiscuous. (b) Anyone cohabiting with more than one person is promiscuous.
10. **Adultery** All adultery is fornication but not all fornication is adultery. Adultery occurs when a marriage is *tainted, made unclean, adulterated* by an act of fornication with a third party. Unmarried people can/do commit fornication – but not adultery. Paul gave this instruction during perilous times: (1 Cor 7:8) *“To the _____ and _____, It is good for them if they abide even as I.”* Paul wasn’t married. (V9) *“But if they cannot _____, let them _____: for it is better to marry than to _____.”*
11. **What Adultery Does** It sunders (ie: breaks) the marriage contract. If something is broken, it is no longer intact. That’s why Jesus said (Mt 19:9), *“Whosoever shall _____ his wife, _____ it be for _____, and shall marry another, committeth _____.”* The two parties may decide to “re-new” (ie: reconcile, restore) the original contract. But do not make the common mistake of thinking it wasn’t “violated” and “broken” with the first act of sexual infidelity. It was! Reconciliation is always advised, whenever possible.
12. **The Seriousness Of The Sin** Random acts of fornication are no less damning to the soul than is adultery. Adultery does wreck homes and has catastrophic potential when children are involved. Uncontrolled lust is a terrible thing and severely condemned. Many a young woman has “gotten into trouble” and her life ruined because of fornication. The fact is that both she and the man involved are both “in trouble” with God. (1 Cor 6:13) *“Now the _____ is not for _____.”* (1 Thess 4:3) *“For this is the _____ of God---abstain from fornication.”*
13. **But It’s Just Doing What Comes Naturally Yes**, in the sense that God designed the male and female urge to cohabit once puberty is reached. **No**, not until one is married, if you believe the Bible and fear for your immortal soul. (1 Pet 2:11) *“Abstain from _____, which _____ against the soul.”* Let us remember: *“Fools make a mock at sin.”*
14. **The Misdeeds Of Youth** We often counsel, “Let us not be too severe on those today who make the mistakes we made yesterday.” That’s good advice when given in context. They, like us, must follow the words of the Psalmist, *“For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.”* Scripture? _____ We should never (Eph 4:27) *“give _____ to the devil”* or credence to the popular excuse *“But everybody’s doing it!”* Jesus said (Mt 7:13), *“_____ is the gate, and _____ is the way, that leadeth to _____, and _____ which go in thereat.”* Remember: (Prov 13:15) *“The way of _____ is hard.”*
15. **Who’s Going To Mock Last?** Read it again: *““Fools make a mock at sin.”* Now hear Paul: (Gal 6:7-8) *“Be not deceived; God is not _____: for whatsoever a man _____, that shall he also _____. For he that soweth to _____ shall of the flesh reap corruption.”* Paul wrote the Corinthians: *“I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”* (1 Tim 5:22) *“Keep thyself _____.”*