

Husband of One Wife

Lecture Outline
Part 1 of 3

Introduction

I. Definitions

- A. “One Wife at a Time”?

- B. “One Wife in a Lifetime”?

- C. “A One-Woman Kind of Man”?

II. Two Critical Texts

- A. Matthew 5:27–32

- B. Matthew 19:9–12

III. Application

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1. What can be done to safeguard your marriage so that you will be above reproach in this area?
2. What boundaries have you set up that you will not cross?
3. Is there ever a time when it would be appropriate for an elder to visit a woman alone in her home?
4. How would you respond to an elder who says he has slipped a little bit into internet pornography? Should he be required to step down as an elder?

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5. What about a man who was divorced 20 years ago, but has since that time grown and matured to the point of being “above reproach” or a “one-woman man?” Can he become an elder?

6. How do you handle the complexity of relationships? Is there a danger of relying on “situation ethics” instead of black-and-white clarity?

7. How important is it for an elder to show publicly that he is devoted to his wife? What is the role of showing public affection in public?

8. Is humor in public involving our wives and women appropriate?