

A gold wedding ring with a simple band design is positioned in the upper left corner of the image. It is resting on the pages of an open Bible. The Bible's text is visible, showing verses from 1 Corinthians 12. The ring's reflection is visible on the page it sits upon.

**“Let Marriage Be
Held in Honor”**

— Hebrews 13.4
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Honor

As of great price,
precious



“Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

— Genesis 2.24
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“You ask, ‘Why does He not?’ Because the LORD was a witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.”

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“Let your fountain be blessed, and
rejoice in the wife of your youth, a
lovely deer, a graceful doe. May her
breasts satisfy you at all times; may
you be intoxicated always by her
love.”

— Proverbs 5.18-19
CB OT p. 1005

“But because of sexual immorality,
each man should have his own wife
and each woman her own husband.
The husband should give to his wife
her conjugal rights, and likewise the
wife to her husband.”

— I Corinthians 7.2-3
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undefiled

is unspotted, describing that
which is far removed from
every kind of contamination

fornication

any sexual relations outside
of marriage relationship

fornication

any sexual relations outside
of marriage relationship

adultery

any illicit sexual relations while
in a marriage relationship



“Either marriage, with complete faithfulness to your partner, or else total abstinence.”

**—C.S. Lewis
Mere Christianity**

Overcoming Sexual Temptation



Genesis 39.1-12
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Potiphar's Wife

Stop looking!



“I have made a covenant with my
eyes; how then could I gaze at a
virgin?”

— Job 31.1
CB OT p. 815



**Stop
pursuing!**

“With much seductive speech she
persuades him; with her smooth talk
she compels him.”

— Proverbs 7.21
CB OT p. 1009

“Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).”

— Colossians 3.5
CB NT p. 353



Stop forcing!

Joseph

**Refuse
With
reason**



Refuse to listen.



“For the lips of a loose woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.”

— Proverbs 5.3-4
CB OT p. 1004

Flee!



“Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself.”

— I Corinthians 6.18
CB NT p. 295



...the Lord's
...you, that the
...in which he was
...thanks, he brake
...this is my body,
...this do in remem-
...ner also he took the
...ped, saying, This cup
...in my blood: this do
...it, in remembrance of
...ye eat this bread, and
...ye do shew the Lord's
...soever shall eat this
...this cup of the Lord, un-
...be guilty of the body and
...rd.
...n examine himself, and so let
...bread, and drink of that cup.
...at eateth and drinketh un-
...teth and drinketh damnation
...not discerning the Lord's body.
...cause many are weak and
...and many sleep.

...to every
...om; to another
...by the same Spirit,
...another faith by the same
...the gifts of healing by the same
...another the working of miracles; to
...other prophecy; to another discerning
...spirits; to another divers kinds of
...tongues; to another the interpretation of
...But all these worketh that one and the
...selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
...severally as he will.
...For as the body is one, and hath many
...members, and all the members of that one
...body, being many, are one body: so also is
...Christ.
...For by one Spirit are we all baptized
...into one body, whether we be Jews or Gen-
...tiles, whether we be bond or free; and have
...been all made to drink into one Spirit.
...For the body is not one member, but
...many.
...If the foot shall say, Because I am not
...the hand, I am not of the body; is it there-
...fore not of the body?
...And if the ear shall say, Because I am
...the eye, I am not of the body; is it
...therefore not of the body?
...If the whole body were an eye, where
...were the hearing? If the whole were he-
...ring, where were the smelling?
...But now hath God set the mem-
...every one of them in the body, as
...pleased him.
...And if they were all one member
...were the body?
...But now are they many me-
...And the eye cannot say un-
...to the foot, I have no need of thee: nor
...the hand, I have no need of thee: yet
...much more those
...which seem to be

**Will today be the
day you decide to
go to heaven?**

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Let Marriage Be Held in Honor

Hebrews 13.4

Synopsis: God provided the marriage relationship as the proper (and only) outlet for sexual pleasure. Those who indulge their sexual desires outside of marriage (fornicators and adulterers) will be judged by God. Instruction for overcoming sexual temptations can be found in examining Potiphar's wife and Joseph.

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"Let all that you do be done with love."