

Commandments on Marriage

1 Cor 7:3-5 — Sexual temptations can come because of a *lack* of being filled with the Spirit so as to produce “self-control” (Gal 5:23). 1 Cor 7:5 — Satan’s temptations, above natural and normal physical desires, can be *withstood* by grace (Heb 4:16) and the power of the Holy Spirit. But husbands and wives must do their part, humanly speaking, to see to it that their partner’s desires are being fulfilled. God has given us normal, natural, physical, sexual desires — but to be neglected by a partner gives room for Satan’s temptations. He gains in-roads into us because of the damage that neglect causes psychologically and physically, so what is spoken of in Jms 1:14-15 could result because of any indifference shown by the wife or husband.

So *both* have the responsibility to see to it that the other is completely satisfied (Jn 8:51), or one could cause the other to stumble because of disobedience to the command of the word of God in 1 Cor 7:5. 1 Cor 10:13 — But no one has a full excuse for giving in to a temptation though they are neglected *even spitefully* and deliberately by their spouse — for any temptation can be resisted (Jms 1:14,15,21). The salvation of our soul is at stake.

Any temptation can be resisted (1 Cor 10:13) because God *will* help us to resist it if we ask Him. God is faithful and He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but when you are tempted He will provide the way out so we must take the way out promptly. Wrong desires and temptations happen to every one of us — so don’t think you are the only one who goes through these temptations (Heb 4:15; 2:18). Other brothers and sisters have resisted these temptations and so can you — for every temptation can be *resisted* (Heb 4:16; Eph 3:12) by faith in Him. But we must recognize these temptations and judge ourselves rightly (1 Cor 11:27-31) and run from anything we know is wrong and seek out help from the throne of grace, and from our brothers and sisters (2 Tim 2:22).

Mt 6:12-13 — Pray not to be lead into temptation, but to be delivered from the evil one (Jn 17:11). God allows Satan to tempt us, but He does not tempt us Himself. Jms 1:13-15 — This

helps us to run to Yahshua and depend upon Him and grow up to be like Him. He was tempted but did not sin (Heb 4:15).

All kinds of flimsy excuses can come from our flesh when we have sinned if we are not able to judge ourselves rightly.

1. "It's the other person's fault."
2. "I couldn't help it."
3. "Everybody's doing it."
4. "It was just a mistake."
5. "Nobody's perfect."
6. "The devil made me do it."
7. "I was pressured into it."
8. "I didn't know it was wrong."
9. "I didn't know what I was doing."

There is *no excuse* for sin — sin is making allowance for the flesh. We can't apologize for our flesh (Lk 9:23; Heb 4:16). But only if we accept the *full* responsibility of our sin can we be forgiven (Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9 - 2:3). Jms 1:21 is a *commandment*.

To excuse the flesh is only done by those who are not real disciples (Lk 9:23; Mk 8:35). If we know the right thing to do (Jms 4:17) and make provisions for the flesh we are committing a *deliberate* sin (Heb 10:26). To *make provision* requires thoughts and plans on our part, and our guilt will be upon us (Num 15:30-31). Rom 13:14 — This is a command to us against giving in to the flesh. Also Rom 8:13 speaks about whether we want to live according to the flesh or the Spirit. We want to live by the Spirit if we are the sons of God (Rom 8:14). So who are the sons of God and who are the sons of the devil? (Jn 8:39-44).

If we are His sons we clothe ourselves in Messiah everyday, and make no provision for the flesh (Rom 13:14). When did you last clothe yourself with Messiah? Gal 3:27 — only initially when you were baptized, or everyday?

Rom 6:2-5 — We have been baptized into Messiah's death and experience newness of life (Eph 4:24-32). Because of this new life our hearts are full of thankfulness and we give thanks to our Father through the name of our Master Yahshua ha Mashiach (Col 3:16-17).

1 Jn 3:6-10 — So, make no mistake about it — the one who practices righteousness is righteous. The children of God are obvious by the love they have for one another (1 Jn 3:11).