

# TRAGIC RESULTS OF MARITAL UNFAITHFULNESS.

30 things that would happen if I were to be unfaithful to my wife...

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My wife is my ministry. That which qualifies me to pastor a church is my pastoring of my wife. If I am unfaithful to her then I prove myself to be unfaithful to Christ, unfaithful to His Word, and unfit for the calling of shepherd.

In reflecting on the importance of my own sexual purity, I've compiled a list of **some tragic results of marital unfaithfulness. In doing this, here are 30 things that would happen if I were to be unfaithful to my wife.**

1. I would sin against God & bear the curse of a guilty conscience & the sting of being an 'unfaithful man.'
2. I would sin against my wife & would have broken the covenant-vows we made one with each other.
3. I would sin against my children as I would not be a faithful husband to their mom nor a faithful father to them by showing them what a Godly, faithful dad/husband is to be.
4. I would be immediately removed from ministry since I would no longer be an "above reproach" man. I would not be 'blameless'.
5. I would bring shame upon the name of Christ as undoubtedly others would hear, find out, and even media could broadcast the 'gossip' far and wide bringing even further reproach upon the gospel of Christ.
6. I would expose the many occasions of sin that I did not repent of. Adultery is the culminating, public sin that follows a plethora of private, hidden, lesser-known sins that all were undealt with and unrepented of.
7. I would discourage the many men that I currently disciple as I would prove to them that I have been a hypocrite all along.
8. I would betray the close friendships that I currently have with men who diligently ask me if I am being 'sexually pure' and reveal that I have been lying to them all along in whatever answers I gave to them.
9. I would nullify all of the training, theological education, and investment in pastoral ministry training and seminary experience since I would no longer be qualified to be an above-reproach shepherd in Christ's church.
10. I would not be able to preach -- ever again -- on sexual purity with a fully clean conscience knowing that I did in fact, 'commit the very sin that I'm telling others not to commit.'
11. I would be the cause of the devil's rejoicing in hell!
12. I would oppose what I've preached for years — that Christ is more enjoyable, pleasurable, and delightful than anything this world could ever offer. My adultery would contradict that and show that I've been lying all along.
13. I would bring shame to the fellow elders who serve alongside of me and who ask me 'accountability/purity' questions.

14. I would have to tell my boys when they grow up NOT to live like their father since I was unfaithful to their mother and committed adultery with another woman. I'd have to tell them: "Don't follow my example" rather than what every father longs to tell his boys, "My son, do in fact, follow my example!"
15. I would instill doubt into my daughter's minds as they would know their own father was an adulterer and they would wonder if the men that they would marry one day would in fact ever be completely faithful to them or if their husbands would do what their own father did -- commit adultery.
16. I would give my wife a valid biblical reason for divorce.
17. I would have to slowly, painfully, deliberately WIN my wife's trust and respect back.
18. I would have to live with my wife asking me: "Where have you been?" as she wondered if I was in fact telling her the truth & remaining faithful to her.
19. I would be tempted to remember, call to mind, the past occasion/acts of being with another woman who is not my wife while in the bedroom with my own wife.
20. I would be the recipient of much spiritual opposition as the Evil One would constantly throw the flaming arrows of guilt and shame upon me because of my wickedness, hypocrisy, transgression, and iniquity.
21. I would lose commendation and rewards from the Lord on that final day when I stand before Him.
22. I would be plagued with past guilt, shame, thoughts, ideas, fantasies while enjoying romantic moments with my wife.
23. I would disqualify myself after I have preached to others.
24. I would be the very cause of arrogant, blasphemous laughter amongst God-haters who love to see the 'hypocrisy' in Christ's church.
25. I would have not loved my neighbor but rather have 'hated my neighbor' by committing adultery with her.
26. I would bring judgment and lots of pains upon the person that I committed adultery with.
27. I would read the Word and come across the word "adulterer" and always look to myself with that ever-lingering sting of reflecting on my own vile iniquity.
28. I would remember that I've committed a sin that was in fact the last, public sin after a long line of private, unknown, undealt with, unconfessed, and unmortified sins. Thus, I would reveal that I had not been mortifying the sin in my own life.
29. I would be completely contradictory to Paul's words in Ephesians 5 about the Church submitting to Christ 'in everything' since in my adulterous affair, I showed that I, the bride of Christ, did not submit to Christ, my Bridegroom, in everything.
30. I would present the most flawed and shameful gospel to a watching world -- the Bride of Christ that commits adultery against her Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ as I would demonstrate that the Bride goes after other lovers and leaves the One, Faithful, Delightful, and God-given spouse for a lesser, momentary pleasure..

**“Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”**

— Hebrews 13:4