



# Seduction in Marriage

Short Teaching



# What is Seduction?

- Seduce (dictionary definition 1) – to persuade to do wrong
- Seduce (dictionary definition 2) – to persuade to engage in unlawful sexual intercourse
- Seduction (Alicia Brown) – the Devil, using false pretenses and illusions of pleasure, draws one away from the will of God
- Seduction – the use of false pretense and promise of pleasure, with the aim of causing one to agree with or give in to wrongdoing

# Man's Predisposition to be Seduced

- The nature of man renders him ripe to be seduced
  - Taught from a young age to use our imagination, to fantasize about what we desire
  - Seduction is accomplished by offering whatever appeals to the person's nature
  - The heart is a deceiver above all
  - Seductive overtures come to us in many forms everyday (the lust of the eye and flesh, the pride of life)





# The Seducer

- Possess the ability to makes lies believable
- Not satisfied seducing just one individual, feels compelled to go after others
  - Example 1: Playboy/Womanizer
  - Example 2: Devil as a roaring lion
- Has a hidden agenda
  - Blurs notions of right and wrong
  - One goal is to chip away at the conscious of person
  - In the lives of spiritual individuals, attempts to counterfeit spiritual attributes

# Seduction by Deceit Versus Willful Seduction



## Seduction by deceit

- Seducer appears to be driven by selfless motives (example – boy convinces girl she would jeopardize her chances of going to college if she refused to have an abortion)
- The party seduced is unable to recognize the seduction until he/she are already drawn in

## Willful Seduction

- A party may willfully and knowingly choose to subject himself/herself to seduction
  - Drawn to the perceived pleasure of living in a fantasy world (examples – The Matrix, The cheating wife)
  - The prospect of instant gratification
- A party's act of inviting willful seduction suggests that the party's heart is given over to the seducer
  - Given enough time, the party will begin to truly believe the seducer's lies
  - Getting the party to see the the seduction for what it is will become more and more difficult—living in seduction becomes a way of life

# Seduction between the Spouses

- Marriage entered into because of seduction is necessarily carnal and parties, at best, will relate in an intimate way
- Seduction is commonly used to exert control over the spouse
- Seductive ways differ between males and females

## ■ Examples

- Wife tells husband that he will “get lucky” more frequently if he works out more often
- Man offers to marry woman for love but is always asking about her rich father’s terminal illness
- Wife tells husband that she will be more sexually receptive if he allows her to go the local massage parlor
- Husband convinces wife that their relationship will be much better if he drives a new 2003 Corvette
- Wife puts on her sexy outfit to in her attempt to convince husband that they really should have another child



# Overcoming Seduction

- Recognize it
  - Who is the seducer?
  - What is their motive?
- Confront it
  - Should you deal with or confront the seducer? or
  - Should you deal with the seduction?
- Overcome it
  - Seduction appeals the senses – We must learn to not be moved by what we see, hear, touch, smell, or taste.
  - Seduction will bring out what is in your heart – as you see faults, acknowledge them
- Seduction is the means by which another party outside of your marriage attempts to win over your heart – will you give your heart over to the seduction or remain faithful to your true love?

