

Question # 2

On the definition of adulterer...what about swinger clubs? If both members are in agreement (*mutual consent*); is it still adultery? Since they are having sex with someone other than their spouse

Answer:

1. Let me first say if we have a question that needs answered, we cannot look for the answer from the world, or the world standards. If God's word is the sole source of our faith and practice, and it is, we must turn to the Word for our answers in life.
2. The answer is an unequivocal **yes, it is adultery!**
 - a. God is the one who defines what marriage is and what adultery is. God, in His Word, has declared sex outside of marriage to be adultery. (**Exodus 20:14**)
 - b. A spouse's giving permission to sin **does not** overrule God's Law. We do not have the authority to create exceptions to what God has declared to be sinful.
 - c. Aside from the biblical declarations that it is sin, **polyamorous**, **swinging relationships**, and **open marriages** cannot fulfill what the Bible says a marriage is to be.
 - d. A married couple cannot be "**one flesh**" (**Genesis 2:24**) if multiple "**fleshes**" are involved. A married couple cannot fully love one another if that love is divided among other people. There cannot be true intimacy if what is supposed to be intimate is shared with others.
3. Polyamory is not marriage. In no sense is a marriage supposed to be open to sexual activity outside of the marriage.
 - a. Polyamory is, in reality, "*poly-lust-ory*." There is nothing loving about it.

- b. Polyamory is when the extramarital affairs purportedly involve **emotional love**. Swinging is when the extramarital affairs only involve **recreational/casual sex**.
 - c. This perversion of marriage is confirmation that " **that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**" and that without God, " **Every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**" (**Genesis 6:5** and **Judges 21:25b**).
4. It's true that Bible nowhere explicitly addresses **polyamory**, **swinging**, or the idea of an **open marriage**. The idea that one spouse should consent to the other spouse having sex with other people is **absolutely foreign** to the Bible.
- a. The Bible speaks of sex within marriage as **pure** (**Hebrews 13:4**)
 - b. The Bible speaks of sex outside of marriage as **immoral** and **adulterous**. (**1 Corinthians 6:13; 18; 10:8; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3**).
5. The practice of "*swapping*," or "*swinging*" or "*bringing in an extra*" (threesomes) is blatant adultery. Adultery is sin even if your spouse allows, approves, watches, or even participates in it.
6. Pornography appeals to the "**lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes.**" (**1 John 2:16**) and is condemned by God as well.
- a. A husband and wife should never bring pornography into their sexual union.
 - b. Remember there is nothing that Scripture explicitly forbids a husband and wife to do with each other as long as it is by mutual consent, and within the bounds of the marriage covenant.

Hebrews 13:4 "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."