

Leave, Cleave & Weave

Genesis 2:24 teaches that a married couple should leave their parents, be bonded to their mate and become one flesh. What exactly does that mean? Check all correct answers, then discuss your responses following your youth leader's direction:

Leave means:

- A husband should never talk to his parents again.
- A husband should move out of his parents' house.
- A husband should become financially independent of his parents.
- The husband should leave his parents' house, but the wife doesn't have to.
- The new couple should not be emotionally dependent on their parents but on each other.
- The new couple should move far away from their parents.
- The new couple should move into the wife's parents' house.
- At the wedding the husband should walk down the aisle with his parents and then leave them to stand by his bride.
- The morning of the wedding, the husband should walk out of his parents' house right before he goes to the wedding ceremony.

Cleave means:

- The couple should never be separated from each other.
- The couple should super-glye their bodies together.
- The couple should be permanently joined in marriage.
- The couple should depend on each other for support.
- The husband should chop meat with a cleaver until the wife marries him.
- The couple should change their last name to Cleaver.
- The couple should constantly hug each other in public.

One Flesh (or Weave) means:

- The couple becomes one unit.
- The couple becomes joined at the hip like Siamese twins.
- The couple becomes bound in a partnership that can't be separated without damage.
- The husband and wife share the same vital organs.
- The husband and wife can come together sexually with God's blessing.
- The husband and wife become one spiritually, emotionally and intellectually.
- The couple should buy a loom and weave rugs together.



Solomon's Sorrow

This is a monologue from the viewpoint of Solomon at the end of his life. It reflects the tone of Ecclesiastes. It should begin in a conversational tone and end in a heartbroken wail. Feel free to modify it to fit your audience.

Hi. My name is Solomon. Most of you have probably heard of me before. I'm the king of Israel. I'm sure you've heard that I am the richest and wisest man on earth.

What you may not know is how miserable I am. You see, since I have had every material possession I could ever want, I began to lust for things I was not supposed to have. I married the daughter of Pharaoh when I was young, but as I got older, one woman was not enough for me. I let my lust for sex control me and eventually ended up with 700 wives and 300—well, girlfriends. I didn't try to control my actions; I just did whatever felt good. *(More emotional now...)* I'm older now, and as I look back on what I did, I realize how stupid I was! I thought the more women I had, the more satisfied I would be. Instead, I could never have enough, and at the same time I was never satisfied. I realize now that giving in to my desire for sex ruined me! I stopped walking with God, and I let my wives pull me and the whole nation into idolatry.

Losing my purity was such a waste! It was the only thing I had that was priceless! All my gold and silver mean nothing to me now. I would trade it all for my purity! All the pleasure I enjoyed with those women lasted a second, and then it was gone. It was like the steam from hot water—there one minute and gone the next. Isn't there anything that satisfies a person for more than a minute?

(With wrenching despair...) I was such a fool! What was I thinking about? Did I really think I could pick up hot coals and not be burned? I was destroying myself and didn't even realize it! Oh, life is so meaningless when you don't obey God! Everything you do is a waste and ends up falling apart. If only I had listened to God! If only, if only...
(Walks off stage sobbing)

The 2 Step

How can the teens in the following examples abandon their sin?

Brittany and Paul have been dating for six months and are head-over-heels in love with each other. They have lockers next to each other at school and have the same friends. Lately Brittany has been under conviction about her relationship with Paul. They have gotten too physical on some dates, and she realizes it must stop.

What can she do to separate herself from the source of the sin?

How can she refrain from making provision for the flesh?

Tory has a problem with temptation to view pornography on the internet. He doesn't start out looking for it, but he sees advertisements that draw him in. He has given in to temptation several times and now has confessed his sin, but he doesn't know how to stop.

How can he separate himself from the source of sin?

How can he refrain from making provision for his flesh?

Jill's problem is the teen magazines she reads. Her mom buys them for her, and they've been causing impure thoughts in her mind.

How can she separate herself from the source of sin?

How can she refrain from making provision for her flesh?

True Confessions

Which of the following is a demonstration of genuine repentance? Check the box that you think is the right answer.

Brian broke a lamp as he was running through the living room even though his father told him not to run in the house.

- Not me! I didn't do it!
- I didn't break it, Dad, I just chipped it!
- It wasn't my fault! Jimmy was chasing me, and I had to run to get away from him.
- I did it and I'm sorry. I'll pay to have it fixed, and I won't run in the house any more.
- I broke it, but I couldn't help it. It's sitting on the corner of the table that I always walk by.

Jessica is standing before a judge after being arrested for possession of drugs.

- Of course I was taking drugs! What's wrong with that anyway? Can't I live my life the way I want to?
- I couldn't help it. My boyfriend got me hooked on drugs.
- It's my parents' fault. They got divorced, and they have never loved me.
- I broke the law. I need help so I won't take drugs again.
- Yes, I broke the law, but there shouldn't be a law against drugs!

Steve is being confronted by his mother for skipping church.

- I lied to you, Mom, and I disobeyed God. It won't happen again. Please forgive me.
- I hate church! It's no fun and it's boring! Why do I have to go all the time? Isn't Sunday morning enough?
- I'm sorry I skipped, but I just don't feel like I need to go.

Fly Or Die

Scenario: You are a passenger on a jet flying across country when suddenly the pilot and co-pilot lose consciousness. If someone doesn't take charge, the plane will soon crash. Since you are good at video games, the other passengers quickly elect you to bring the plane in for a landing. You climb into the pilot's chair and radio the tower. After telling them of the situation, you ask for help to land the plane. This is what they say:

"Listen! You must land that plane! We want you to land that plane safely! This flight was intended to land safely. The engineers that designed the plane intended that it be landed in one piece. The company that built the plane built it so it could land safely. All the parts of the plane work together so it can be landed safely. There are certain things that must be done and certain things that cannot be done in order to put the plane down on the landing strip.

"If you don't land it safely, the plane will crash. It will explode, and hundreds of people will die! The plane will break apart, and people will be crushed and thrown hundreds of feet. Those still alive will be burned to death! No one will ever forget that you failed. Your name and picture will be on every front page and every newscast in the country. People will talk for years about how you killed 350 people. If you crash, you will probably die a horrible death. If you happen to live, you will be scarred for life and crippled! You will never forget the crash, and you'll have nightmares about it! People will hate you and never forgive you.

"So you see, you must land that plane safely! People are depending on you to succeed! We'll talk to you again once you land! Over and out."

What's missing from this message from the tower?

My Gift To You

Promise of Purity

*Believing that God has commanded and equipped me to
remain pure, I make a promise to God, myself, my
family, those I date, my future mate, and my future
children to be sexually pure until I marry.*

Signed _____

Witness _____

One Question

Dear Parent,

In trying to encourage open conversation about love, dating, sex and marriage between parents and their teens, we ask you to participate in an interview. Your teen will ask one question about the above topics that he or she is concerned or curious about. Please be prepared! The purpose of the interview is to open the door for future communication.

My Question is:

My Parent's Answer:

Sweatin' Bullets

Describe a situation when you did something or broke something and you had to tell your parents about it, knowing they wouldn't react too well.

I was _____ years old.

It happened at:

Here's what happened:

I thought my parents would:

They actually: