
Putting the brakes on adultery and lust

Matthew 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

*Matthew 15:19 **For out of the heart** come **evil thoughts**, murder, **adultery**, **sexual immorality**...*

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Overcoming Bad Passions—part 3

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Adultery

■ *Matthew 5:27 You have heard that it was said, "Do not commit adultery."* ■

■ *1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud, it is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres* ■

■ *Malachi 2:13 Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.* ■

■ *Malachi 2:14 You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have **broken faith with her**, though she is **your partner**, the wife of **your marriage covenant**.* ■

Lust

Matthew 5:27 You have heard that it was said, "Do not commit adultery."

Mat. 5:28 ...anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

■ “Epithumia” - ■

Gal. 5:16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Ephesians 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

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Titus 3:3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

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Ephesians 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

The anatomy of lust and adultery

Proverbs 7:1 My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you...⁵ they will keep you from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words.

■ *Prov. 7:7 I saw among the simple, ... the young men, ... who lacked judgment. ⁸ He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house ⁹ at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.* ■

Proverbs 7:10 Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent. ¹¹ (She is loud and defiant, her feet never stay at home; ¹² now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.) ¹³ She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: ¹⁴ "I have fellowship offerings at home; today I fulfilled my vows. ¹⁵ So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you! ¹⁶ I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. ¹⁸ Come, let's drink deep of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love! ¹⁹ My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. ²⁰ He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon."

■ *Prov. 7:21 With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk.*

■ *²² All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose* ■

²⁵ Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. ²⁶ Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. ²⁷ Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.
