

## THE STRUGGLE OF LUST v28

- Jesus is not condemning sexual attraction and desire within marriage. (Gen.2:21-25; Pro.5:19; Song of Songs; 1Cor.7:3-5)
- There's a difference between thoughts entering your head and entertaining those thoughts. (Pro.4:23; 2Cor.10:5; Phil.4:8)
- Sexual desire outside of marriage is selfish, addictive, fantasy driven, and destructive. (1Cor.6:17-20; Pro.5:3-4; 6:24-26; 9:13-18; James 1:14-15)

## THE SATISFACTION OF LOVE vv29-30

- Sex outside of marriage points to hell. (Pro.5:3-6; Jn.4:13, 16-18)
- Sex inside of marriage points to heaven. (Pro.5:15-19; Jn.4:13-14)

You will either be poorly married or poorly single until you develop a deeply satisfying relationship with Jesus Christ. (Phil.4:10-13; 2Pet.1:3; John 8:1-11)

### Growing Notes

God's will in Scripture often seems to frustrate our deepest longings but in reality His commands are from His perfect love and infinite wisdom for our deepest and most lasting joy. Why is that important in our sex-saturated society that teaches us that the meaning of life is primarily found in sexual freedom and fulfillment?

Read Matthew 5:27-32. Sex is for a covenant relationship between a man and a woman. What is a covenant relationship? How does it differ from a consumer relationship? Sex inside of marriage is a covenant renewal ceremony that produces what three things? What kind of problems does sex outside of marriage create?

What is the Bible's view of sexual desire within marriage? What's the difference between thoughts entering your head and entertaining those thoughts? Sexual desire outside of marriage is selfish, addictive, fantasy driven, and destructive. Explain.

What kind of figurative measures did Jesus say we need to take to overcome lustful intent in our heart? What does sex outside of marriage point to? What does sex inside of marriage point to? What does it mean that you will either be poorly married or poorly single until you develop a deeply satisfying relationship with Jesus Christ? Pray.



## Coming Up

<b>MAY</b> 8	<b>PARENT'S NIGHT OUT</b> 5:30-9:30PM Register online	<b>MAY</b> 9	<b>LADIES BRUNCH</b> Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend Register online
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- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
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**James 5:14** *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*



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"LOVE & LUST" (Matthew 5:27-32)

Ray Davis

Would you cut off your own leg if it saved your life?

Donald Wyman Story

Jesus continues in His Masterpiece Sermon: "Kingdom Life" Matthew 5-7. He is showing us that Kingdom citizens (Christians) live transformed lives from the inside out.

We live in a culture saturated with sexual imagery. Lust is normalized, joked about, even celebrated. In our text Jesus is commanding us to take drastic measures if we are to escape the fatal effects of lust (i.e. tear out your eye or cut off your hand vv29-30). Jesus obviously has something even more radical in mind than literal mutilation.

**THE SANCTITY OF SEX** vv27; 31-32  
(Gen.2:24-25; Eph.5:21-33; Heb.13:4)

- Sex is for a covenant between a man and woman.
- A Covenant Relationship is far more loving than a contract and far more committed than feelings.
- Consumer Love says, "I'll be the kind of spouse I should be IF and TO the degree you'll be the kind of spouse you should be."  
Covenant Love says, "I'll be the spouse I should be whether or not you're the spouse you should be."
- Sex inside of marriage is a Covenant Renewal Ceremony of whole life giving that produces...
  - >Security – a place to be fully known
  - >Depth – deeper love grows through commitment
  - >Freedom – not ruled by feelings
- Sex outside of marriage creates a personal dissonance and undermines the infrastructure of the relationship. (1Cor.6:18)