

Jesus and Lust (Matthew 5:27-30)

“We are to deal drastically with sin. We must not pamper it, flirt with it, enjoy nibbling a little of it around the edges. We are to hate it, crush it, dig it out . . . sin leads to hell. And that is the ultimate reason why sin must be taken seriously.” // DA Carson

- *You shall not commit adultery. // Exodus 20:14*
- *And you shall not commit adultery. // Deuteronomy 5:18*
- *If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. // Leviticus 20:10*

Lust and the Heart

- Jesus again takes the Law from simple outward actions to what is going on in our heart.
- *Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished. // Proverbs 6:27-29*
- *He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. / Proverbs 6:32*
- “Keeps on looking”
 - “The gaze excites sexual imaginations in the heart, and you mentally engage in an act reserved for your spouse and the marriage bed.” // Dr. Danny Akin
- “[Lust] treats other persons as things to be exploited. It adulterates them. When the lust is sated, the object of the lust is discarded and another object is sought out.” // Dockery and Garland

Lust and the Eyes

- *I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman. // Job 31:1*
- Skandalon - “causes you to stumble”
- Cut off/destroy whatever is causing you to stumble into sin. Better to lose something now than to lose eternal life.
- “Act decisively, immediately, even if it is painful. The drastic nature of the remedy is simply the index of the radical danger of the sin. It is not a situation for negotiation.” // Sinclair Ferguson
- Genesis 3:6 - Tawah

Lust and the Hand

- Church Father Origen
- “Sin is serious business. We are to perform radical surgery on anything that would cause us to be cut off from eternal life.” // Dockery and Garland
- “Be killing sin or sin will be killing you.” // John Owen

Jesus and Grace for Sinners

- John 8