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**The Lust of the Flesh, and the Lust of the Eye and the Pride of Life (F3)**

1. Sunday Pastor prayed for miracles, for us. They will come, no doubt. However, we want to make absolutely sure, we are positioned spiritually to receive. We want to be confident that our desires are His desires. He will give us the desires of our heart.
2. 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim 2:22, 2 Tim 3:6; Titus 3:3; Mark 4:19; 1Cor 10:6;
3. 1 John 2:15-17 Commands that we do not love the world, because God's Love is incompatible with the world and its system. Flesh, eye lust and pride are all temporary.
4. Lust – Greek (epithumia), desire, crave, long for, lust. Hebrew – (epithymesai) Passion, craving, itch, rage. Satanic lusts are like those of men, but much stronger, because it's being agitated by demonic forces. Fallen angels and men can misuse their creative faculties in deeper and deeper degrees of sin and rebellion as times goes by. This scripture serves as a test of a Chosen one's spiritual condition, urging them to prioritize God's Will, which is eternal, over fleeing desires of this fallen world.
5. **Lust of the Flesh** – In the Greek, "To be hot after something", lax in morals, selfish with possessions, extravagant in the gratification of material desires. 2Tim 2:22. **Lust of the Eye**, means we desire what we see. The eyes are the primary organ of perception and the primary avenue of temptation. Job 31:1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully on a woman or a man." Matt 6:22, Jesus says, "the eye is the Lamp of the body." If your eye is bad, your whole body is full of darkness. It describes someone who is captivated by an outward show of materialism i.e. positions, cars, clothes etc... Desiring others possessions. Never satisfied. Things are not sin within themselves, but the desire to have them for the wrong reasons or have someone else's possession. **"Pride of life"** is vain boasting. Describes the arrogant spirit of self-sufficiency, desiring applause, status and advantage in life. Pretentious bragging. Always competitive. They are always one up on you. Regardless, they are always better, know more, smarter. They are life's measuring stick. Everything from sensualism and self-indulgence to self-conceit; mental self-satisfaction; egotistic arrogance. All are false views of pleasure.
6. Note: You are not your issue, sin, attitude, hurt or whatever God brings to your mind or shows you tonight. He has come to deliver. Lust for fame, being seen, shopping, sports, eating, anything excessive.
7. Note: Lust in this lesson is not limited to sex, although it will be mentioned.
8. Three kinds of Lust:
  - Man's lust – James 1:14-15; Gal 5:16
  - Satan's lust Jn 8:44; Eph 2:2-3; Romans 6:12; 1 Jn 2:17;3:8
  - God's Desires – Gal 5:17,22-23; Ps 51:6.
9. Satan saw our worth long before we did. He saw the sensitivity God has placed within us, that allows us to be closer to Him, and he hates it, so he devises a plan to derail us, from **Childhood**.
10. The battle is in the spirit. The flesh is a battlefield. They are in a constant battle. That's why Satan tries to cloud our purpose Rm 7:15-23. It's an ancient war. The enemy targets us because he hates God and he fears the Divine Call, he sees on our lives. He seeks to corrupt us as soon as possible-**Childhood**. Our call is so Divine and so sensitive, he works overtime to corrupt and distract us, with any twisted cause.
11. Lust for ungodly or excessive things is a weapon from hell to derail us of our destiny.

12. He first tries to program us with lust through **Childhood** wounds, no father in the home, no genuine love, mommy's boyfriend, aunties lust touches. He does this while our little hearts are tender. That kind of trauma will leave debris. Debris that some people will never acknowledge.
13. Desires and intimacy are from God, for God, and God's only. After we have been wounded, there is a hold, that can only be filled by God. However, we yearn for a quick fix, drugs, sex, spending, eating, partying, bragging. Those are some of the counterfeit loves. It was engineered. It was just a matter of what worked for us. Lust is not about pleasure, it's about PAIN.
14. Unless we confront the root and the wound, we will keep fighting the wrong war. And keep going back to the counterfeit, being shame, broken, guilty, etc...
15. In some cases, before we were born, the war had already begun. It began with Mom, Dad, indecent exposure, etc...
16. The enemy didn't just come on us, he came through the cracks in our homes during **Childhood**. There has been something fighting us and we thought it was us.
17. Satan knew he could not kill us so he devises the game from youth. Every time, we got no affirmation, attention, etc.. A seed of abandonment was planted. They grew carefully and silent until lust found them. Lust is one of the comforts people feel when you are lonely. The real longing is for God, He is the only thing that can completely stop the counterfeit desires.
18. The enemy uses neglect as a weapon and silence as a teacher. That's how it all begins. Not Pornography on a screen, but loneliness in the soul. And when those needs are not met by God's design, we find counterfeits, sex, spending, shopping, same sex relationship, anger, etc.....
19. Satan does not need to kill us, just make us suffer, anger, miserable for the rest of our lives. Same thing every day, all day. Some people marry people God never sent, to fix it. It won't. We go from one thing to another, drinking, drugs, flirting, wearing seductive clothes, masturbating, fornication, etc... Never really enjoying God.
20. Why lust? Because it is a sure way to break our relationship with God. It becomes a secret idol.
21. It's shameful to confess to people because they judge you. So we remain silent, and settle for something lesser, the counterfeit. Every Saint of God currently or have struggled with the flesh, pride or lust, in some fashion. Satan knows there is a beautiful mystery about our Calling, it's Holy, it is sensitive to the Spirit of God. It is given to us from God, by God to fulfil His perfect Will. The enemy knows and hates it, the flesh hates it and the world hates it.
22. When God calls us, He doesn't just call, He is a God of Covenant. He establishes a Covenant with us like a contract. It binds Heaven's authority in us, Revelation and Anointing. Because, this Covenant is so sacred, we become Satan's target.
23. It's not just having sex or flirting, overeating, overspending, shopping, etc., the obsession is a direct disrespect against the Covenant of God.
24. But the good news is once we understand the problem and realize it's real and it is an enemy, we can fight. If we repent, turn away from lust, join in with Heaven and fight, the enemy cannot destroy us. We are not our struggle, but we are the Divine. Never surrender the Calling. Lust is not just after your mind and body, but your purpose, identity and destiny.
25. Lust is not just about twisted desire, it's a spiritual battle, that originated from wounds, where wounds become instructions and pain becomes programmed.
26. Lust disguises as comfort, however, it is just an illusion of love. Lust is not the root, it's the symptom, it is false love. Lust cannot love.
27. Satan knows if he cannot kill us, he will feed us spiritual sugar, that is what lust is and it will slowly kill.
28. Lust controls how we feel about ourselves and treat others. It controls our spirits, draining confidence and destroys connection with God. It grows in silence. It wants to keep us ashamed and isolated.
29. Confession kills lust. Lust are demons whispering to you. Lust does not define who you are.
30. The enemy uses phones, laptops, Facebook, Instagram. etc. as altars, proclaiming lies to us. Screens feed the desires shopping, eating, sex, movies. This is the enemy programming the next event.

31. Lust doesn't just knock on your door, it comes in. It feels like it has ancestral or bloodline right. In some families, it has gone from generation to generation. Unspoken and unchallenged, it has claimed rights as addictions, alcoholic, drug addiction, pornography, prostitution, sexual addictions, lying, manipulation deception, abuse, incest, etc., were passed down. **IT MUST BE STOPPED!**
32. Lust kills your prayer life and your identity in Christ Jesus and is a temporary pleasure, that will eventually steal your soul.
33. Every time you resist lust you shake hell's mission. That act of denial is not small in Heaven's eyes, it's Spiritual Warfare. Hell fears your purity.
34. And if you have fallen, do not let satan tell you, that you are unworthy and God cannot use you. Satan is a liar.
35. Lust is a battlefield for every Saint of God. The moment you decide to follow Jesus, satan targets us, using not only sexual lust, but spending, eating, coveting, manipulation, deception. Demonic spirits study us to find an open door, into our lives.
36. We must be the generation to cleanse the bloodlines. Lust wants a lifetime home. If we do not kill it, our Children will follow in our steps and be the next Generation of Lust.
37. Lust doesn't just want your body; it wants your soul.
38. Every time, you say yes to lust, the enemy tightens his leash on your life. Every time you say no, it shows Heaven and Hell, the leash is loosening.
39. Lust says you will never be free, everyone is doing it or I'm lost, there is no help for me. Satan is a liar.
40. Many struggle with lust, but God wants to deliver us and use the experience as a tool to shape your soul. If we allow it, it can be a test of God's Grace.
41. We must call on God, now, every act of resistance is our journey back to God. It is not a matter of self will or self-control, it is a deeper misdirection of God's pure desires. If we recognize and ask God, He will restore and deliver.
42. What can I learn from this? One, is that we need God and two, we cannot deliver ourselves.
43. As we continue this merry-go round life, we keep confessing and falling, confirming that we are weak without God, and we need His Power. After genuine confession, we will begin to see His Grace at work in our lives. We will begin to get the real revelation, that we need Him to totally deliver us from this thing. Praying, fasting, staying before God.
44. Simultaneously, satan is trying to fill our minds with guilt and shame. Trying to keep us from Praying. We are hiding from God and people. We begin to isolate ourselves. Alone, he has us. He wants to get us alone, where he can bombard us with accusations.
45. Struggle is necessary for our growth. The lust trail that we go down is a sure sign that, there is a vacuum that only God can fill. But we look for things to fill the void, relationships, attention, admiration from the wrong people, emotional affairs (relationships/conversation with other people you won't tell you spouse about) sex, buying, spending, hobbies, wrong marriages, drinking smoking. Man on the job, woman on the job.
46. The lies to cover lust are temporary. When we become involved, how do we know it's wrong or becoming uncontrollable? When we start to lie about it. Feel shame, hide it from people. Continue to repent and keep doing it. It just makes you feel more uncomfortable, more shameful, more guilty and more unclean. Then we begin trying to justify it. That is a terrible road to travel. No one can help when we begin to deceive ourselves.
47. Lust is a liar, it says it can lead to happiness, comfort, love, but it only leads to sin and shame. James 4:1-10.
48. Lust is a thief, it takes what God has given us as a pure desire to be with Him and distort it into something that will eventually destroy us, if we do not repent. Lust will always leave you wanting, because it will never address the real problem. We need more of God and less of ourselves.
49. Lust seeks control and overpowers; in whatever form it uses. Its job is to destroy our reputations, so we will never fulfill our God given destiny. But God will use this encounter to develop a deeper intimacy with Him and strengthen our Faith.

50. This struggle can help us to grow to levels, that would be impossible any other way. We should develop more of a prayer life and avoid situations that will bring lustful thoughts.
51. We will learn that lust is not about temptation but about realizing that the void is Calling for God. Realize, we have and will hurt ourselves and others, unless we repent.
52. Repentance brings healing and renewal. The struggle of lust is not a journey that will disappear tonight, but now we know we are in a sanctification process.
53. We have a hope in Jesus. He has already won.
54. Lust is not the problem; it is a starved intimacy, that is the problem. Lust takes our eyes off the Chosen one from Heaven and puts them on the flesh and the world.
55. Physical blindness was healed, but spiritual blindness is still blind, in some cases.
56. Break all the bonds of lust. We will come back from where we are. Do not trade your destiny for a moment of pleasure.
57. Break the agreement!!! Ask God to change your heart and mind. Do not let lust blind your mind. Heaven is ready to Deliver.
58. We Chosen ones carry a heart with the seed of Divine intimacy with God. An unnatural longing for Him. The tiredness of the world. A desire to be pure. An unnatural desire to Pray and be in His Presence. A desire to please Him in everything. We have a hunger for God that was given to us before birth. We, the Chosen possess and are carriers of spiritual intimacy. We have a spiritual desire to hear God and to feel Him always. Lust comes as a counterfeit to replace that. Satan knows if he can trick us, he will pervert our desires.
59. The fact that we are attacked so fiercely is not a sign that we are unworthy or weak, but a sign of our pure Call from God.
60. We are in a different war, a war to stay in the tenderness of God. We will not lose this war. God has given us the authority to uproot every counterfeit seed of lust that has tried to root itself within us.
61. Lust is not our master. Our longing for intimacy does not have to be twisted into lust. We are made for intimacy with God.. No shame of hell can stop us.
62. We will reclaim the part of our heart that lust has tried to steal.
63. We were made for the arms of God.
64. Lust does not only try to control us but it tries to mute us. Stop us from praying, because we feel shame, guilt and unworthy.
65. But Mercy wants to turn our voice into a trumpet of victory.
66. If you are dealing with this tonight, it does not mean that you are disqualified, but that you are dangerous to the enemy. He would not fight so hard if you were not truly valuable.
67. Satan tells us the lie, you'll never be free. Remember, every time you say no, Angels draw swords to protect you. But you must fight, fight for deliverance.
68. Real Deliverance is spiritual warfare. Let's do it!!!!!!
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