



Dealing with Lust

Matthew 5:27-32
July 12, 2026

Study Questions to Go Deeper with God

On Marriage:

- According to the Bible, how does a marriage reflect God's relationship with us? See 1 Corinthians 7 and Ephesians 5.
- What were (or will be) your marriage vows?

On Adultery:

- In the Old Testament, idolatry (or the worship of other 'gods') was called spiritual adultery. See Hosea, Jeremiah 3, and Ezekiel 16 & 23.
If idolatry is misdirected worship, giving something that belongs to God to someone else, then what is misplaced or stolen in infidelity and adultery?

On Lust:

- Jesus redirected the command against murder (external) to the heart of anger (internal), and he says the sin of adultery (external) starts with the sin of lust (internal). The preacher claimed that Jesus isn't just seeking good behavior, but transformed hearts. Read Galatians 5:13-26.
Since we have the Holy Spirit living within us, how should we "keep in step with the Spirit" (25) and "serve one another in love" (13-14)?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. We live in a hyper-sexualized society, where access to corrupt and addictive things is as close as a phone. This includes pornography and social media, especially for teenagers and young people. Job made a covenant with his eyes (Job 31:1).
What are some things we can do to protect ourselves and our families from the temptations of this world?
- How should the church family respond to someone who confesses a sin? How about a sin of lust such as pornography, masturbation, or premarital sex?

On Divorce and Remarriage:

- Read Genesis 2:24. Jesus quotes the Ten Commandments and Deuteronomy 24 about divorce. Read Matthew 19:3-8.
When is divorce allowed?
If marriage is significant in the eyes of God, why is divorce allowed?
- Also read 1 Corinthians 7, including v10-11, v15, v27-28, and v39. Read Romans 7:1-3.
For a Christian, when is remarriage allowed?
- The marriage covenant is designed to create interdependence and mutual respect so that the two can reflect God's image together as one.
When should a Christian man or woman stay with an unbelieving spouse?"
What about cases of neglect or abuse?