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## Sermon on the Mount

Lesson Eight • Matthew 5:27-30

### Lust That Devours

#### The Road to Exceeding Righteousness

Repent of ADULTERY without sex and pursue purity in heart.

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*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8*

#### Lust That Devours

### 1. Jesus Calls Us to a Radical STANDARD of Sexual Purity.

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#### The Standard of Sexual Purity

- What Jewish tradition said: whoever AVOIDS the act of adultery has kept the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment "You shall not commit adultery."

*You shall not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14*

*If a man commits adultery with another man's wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death. Leviticus 20:10*

- What Jesus said: whoever LOOKS at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

#### Why Such a Radical Standard of Sexual Purity?

Lust in the heart will DEVOUR you—it's insidious.

*2Samuel 11:1-16, Proverbs 5:1-23, 6:20-35*

#### Guard the Heart Against Lust That Devours

A godly heart will PROTECT itself in advance from lust-satisfying situations, avoiding them when possible or fleeing them when necessary.

*Genesis 39:7-12, Job 31:1, 2Timothy 2:2*

### 2. Jesus Calls Us to a Radical STRATEGY of Sexual Purity.

*"If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell." Matthew 5:29-30*

#### The Strategy of Sexual Purity

- Ruthlessly ELIMINATE anything in your life that stands in the way of sexual purity (spiritual mortification, not physical mutilation or amputation).

*Romans 8:13, 13:14, Colossians 3:5-6*

- Honestly EVALUATE your eternal destiny if you continue in a life of sexual immorality.

*Romans 1:24-32, 1Corinthians 6:9-11, 18-20*

#### The Heart of the Matter

God's remedy for a sinful heart is a NEW heart and His answer for our sinfulness is Christ's righteousness in the Gospel.

*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2Corinthians 5:17*

*For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2Corinthians 5:21*