

LUST: A MULTI-FACETED FATAL ATTRACTION

I Corinthians 6

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But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:28

Need for Grace and Truth

- TRUTH exposes us for who we are, and GRACE meets the needs that the truth exposes.

I. LUST FOR SELF *(Rather than a passion for God)* I Corinthians 6:1-11

We lose our purpose and diminish our joy when there becomes a lust for self rather than a passion for God...”

II. THE LUST FOR SEX *(Rather than a passion for God)*

I Corinthians 6:12-20

A. The Truth About God’s Ideal

- Sex is good! It was designed by God to CREATE (children) and to RECREATE (to have fun) in a context where we RELATE as husband and wife for life.

B. The Truth About Falling Short

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

I Corinthians 16:18

C. Spiritual Repercussions

Mystery of Oneness: 1+1=1

D. Physical Repercussions

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III. THE GRACE THAT ONLY GOD CAN OFFER

IV. THE APPLICATION

A. Flee Immorality

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22

Don’t give any chances for the flesh to have its fling. Romans 13:14
(Philips)

Plan carefully what you do. Avoid evil. Proverbs 24:27

PARENTS: What to do?

- 1) Build a safe family environment without shame, guilt, or judgment.
 - ✓ Truth or rules without relationship will lead to rejection!
- 2) Model your faith in real life time
 - Resources at Youth Ministry Table and at www.Josh.org/setfree

B. Pursue a Friend

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22

C. Confess and Repent

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

D. Forgive Yourself

Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin.

John 8:11

RESOURCES:

www.Josh.org/setfree