

Fulfilled: Heart Adultery

Matthew 5:27-30

Opening Discussion:

1. What evidence do you see that indicates we live in a sex obsessed culture?
2. How is lust different in the 21st century compared to the 1st century?
3. What damage does lust cause in a marriage, family, church, and society?
4. What is the connection between lust and adultery?

Sexual desire for someone other than our spouse is _____ and _____. Sexual faithfulness in our hearts and actions leads to_____.

Explore the Passage:

1. The _____ commandment: **you shall not commit adultery.**

2. The _____ commandment: **you shall not commit adultery with your hands or your heart.**

- Jesus teaches that lustful intent is just as sinful as adultery
- Lust: desire, coveting, wanting something you don't have a right to
- Looking or lust?
 - Looking is temporary. Lust _____.
 - Looking is _____ in its desires. Lust includes _____ desires.

3. The _____: **run from sexual temptation!**

Verses 29 and 30 give two shocking illustrations

- Tear out your eye: inhibit your ability to _____
- Cut off your hand: inhibit your ability to _____

"Flee from sexual immorality." 1 Corinthians 6:18

"Flee youthful passions." 2 Timothy 2:22

"Because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband." 1 Corinthians 7:2

Lust leads to _____.

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25 Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes . . .
27 Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? **28** Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? **Proverbs 6:25, 27-28**

6 For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, **7** and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, **8** passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house **9** in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness. **10** And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart. **11** She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home; **12** now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait. **13** She seizes him and kisses him, and with bold face she says to him, **14** "I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows; **15** so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you. **16** I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; **17** I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. **18** Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love. **19** For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; **20** he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home." **21** With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. **22** All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast **23** till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life. **24** And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my mouth. **25** Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, **26** for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng. **27** Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death. **Proverbs 7:6-27**

Our Father intends for His children to experience real _____ and _____.

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11

Fill in the Blank Answers:

Opening Discussion

Sexual desire for someone other than our spouse is sinful and deadly. Sexual faithfulness in our hearts and actions leads to life.

Explore the Passage

1. original
2. full, lingers, neutral, sexual
3. Application, look, act, action, death, life, intimacy

Our Father intends for His children to experience real life and intimacy.