



Lesson #5: Life Lessons About Lust (5:27-32)

“*Thou shalt not commit adultery*” is the ____ most repeated commandment in the Old Testament and the most repeated commandment in the New Testament. Our Lord includes this commandment in this the greatest sermon ever preached. Adultery is so spiritually _____ that in verse 27 Jesus recites this prohibition against it and in verses 28-32 he shocks his listeners with a rather radical cure.

Why is it that this commandment is so important as to be repeated in both the Old and the New Testaments? The answer is because our homes, our society, our families, and even our _____ are impacted by our willingness to live lives of moral _____ before the God who created us.

YOU MUST AVOID LUSTFUL THINKING BY LISTENING TO THE _____

Jesus repeats the ____ commandment (v. 27-28)

The Pharisees and scribes had reduced the commandment which prohibits adultery to the mere physical act of adultery; and again they imagined that, as long as they were not guilty of the act itself, the commandment had nothing to say to them and they were perfectly innocent as far as it was concerned. Thus Christ once again uses the formula, “*You have heard it said I _____ unto you.*”

They had so focused on the _____ of the law that the _____ of the law needed to be repeated again. The prohibition Christ declares is focused on externals as an extension of the _____.

YOU MUST AVOID LUSTFUL THINKING BY LEARNING FROM THE _____

Jesus speaks about the _____ which is the focus of this entire sermon.

A. A Corrupt _____

It is not the involuntary glance which constitutes sin, but when evil thoughts are thereby prompted.

The first, incidental look is not the sin but the second choice to dwell on the image is a sin.

B. A Corrupt _____

Holiness is a matter of the _____ and not merely of _____; it is not the man’s *deeds* that count but his *desires*. The heart is the center of a person’s life and denotes his thought, will and emotions. Jesus is saying that the person who lusts has committed adultery in the center of his being; in all matters he is an _____.

YOU MUST AVOID LUSTFUL THINKING BY _____ ACCORDING TO THE PREVENTATIVE

Jesus recommends radical _____ for those caught in this web (v. 29-32)

A. Do not let anything damper your _____

Nothing, no matter how precious, should be allowed to doom your glorious destiny! God’s goal for us is the “_____ of _____!” What on _____ can be worth losing that!

B. Do not let _____ destroy your _____

Verses 29 and 30 emphasize how seriously the disciple is to regard this problem. Anything that leads to _____ should be given up.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

We live in a sensually saturated society. Immorality is used to sell everything from cars to clothing. C.S. Lewis a generation ago said,

“There are people who want to keep our sex instinct inflamed in order to make money out of it because a man who with an obsession is a man with very little sales _____.”

Jesus repeated the commandment “*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*” Why is this commandment so important as to be repeated both in the Old Testament and the New? The example of the Pharisees in this passage denotes that those who read their Bible’s with the most _____ are often those who find themselves under the most _____ to fall into _____ thinking.

_____ will destroy your spiritual _____!