



LUST AND IMMORALITY

GRACIOUS JESUS

3. KINGDOM LIFESTYLE PART 1

Salt and Light

Fulfilling the Law

Anger and Hurt

***Lust and
Immorality***

Integrity

The Extra Mile

Love your Enemies



LUST AND IMMORALITY

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’; 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

31 “It was said, ‘Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce’; 32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Matt 5

LUST AND ADULTERY CONT'D..

Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2 And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” 4 He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” Matt 19

LUST AND ADULTERY CONT'D..

7 They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” 8 He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”[a]

10 The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” 11 But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. 12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.” Matt 19

LUST AND IMMORALITY – PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Matt 5:21-26, Matt
18:15-17, Luke
12:57-59, John
17:20-23

Desire

Disassociate

Divorce

Dedicate

Discussion



DESIRE

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DESIRE IS DESIRE WRONG?

**Then, after desire
has conceived, it
gives birth to sin;
and sin, when it is
full-grown, gives
birth to death.
James 1:15**



DESIRE

Desire is not sin

**Desire leads to
sin**



DESIRE

MEANING

**The word for
desire in original
translation is
used both:**

- **negatively as
in covet and**
- **positively as in
spiritual
desires**



DESIRE

Desire becomes wrong when it:

- **Turns to covetousness**
- **Goes out of control**



DISASSOCIATE

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DISASSOCIATE

**Jesus is
obviously
speaking
figuratively
implying
complete
disassociation
with circumstance
causing sin**



DIVORCE

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5**

Matt 1-9



DIVORCE

“TILL DEATH DO US PART”

Divorce:

- **Is clearly a no – no in the Bible**
- **Not to mention marrying a divorced person**



OTHER VERSES ON DIVORCE

Romans 7:2-3

Deut 22:19

Jeremiah 3:1

Malachi 2:16

1 Cor 7:11-13



DEDICATION

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DEDICATION

Very few can receive a life of singleness for Christ, maintaining the high standards of thought discussed. Only these should consider remaining unmarried.



LUST AND IMMORALITY RECAP

**Desire – To covet is
sin**

Disassociate – Cut off

Divorce – Clear no

Dedicate – If called



DISCUSSION

1. In what ways can we clip desire in the bud?
2. What examples of “cutting off eye and hand” can we apply in our lives?
3. What does the lesson on divorce stress on marriage?
4. To whom can we encourage choice to remain unmarried?



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