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### Matthew 5:27-32 "Love & Lust"

Sexual desire is good, except when it's bad. Sex is a heart issue, one that our culture has made only physical and the consequences are devastating.

**The Sanctity of Sex** Vv27, 31-32; Gen2:24-25; Eph5:21-33; Heb13:4)

- Sex is for a covenant relationship between a man & woman.
- A Covenant is a relationship that is far more loving than merely a legal relationship & far more binding & enduring than merely an emotional relationship.
- In a Covenant Relationship the relationship is more important than my needs. In a Consumer Relationship my needs are more important than the relationship.
- Sex inside of marriage is a covenant renewal ceremony that produces: Security, Stability & Satisfaction.

### **The Struggle of Lust** V28

- The Bible has a very high view of sexual desire within marriage. (Gen2:21-25, 26:8; Pro5:19; Song of Songs; 1Cor7:3-5)
- There's a difference between thoughts entering your head & entertaining of those thoughts. (2Cor10:5; Phil4:8)
- Sexual desire outside of marriage is selfish, addictive & destructive. (1Cor6:17-20; Pro.5:3-4; 6:24-26; 9:13-18; James 1:14-15)

### **The Satisfaction of Love**

- Sex outside of marriage points to hell. (vv29-30; 2Tim2:22; John 4:13, 16-18)
- Sex inside of marriage points to heaven. (Pro5:3-4; John4:13-14)

You will never be married well or single well until Christ is the love of your life. (Phil4:10-13; 2Pet1:3; John8:1-11)



# Growing

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- 1) God's will in Scripture often seems to frustrate our deepest longings but in reality His commands are from His love & wisdom for our deepest & most lasting joy. Why is that important in our sex-saturated society that teaches us that the meaning of life is primarily found in sexual freedom & fulfillment?
- 2) Read Matthew 5:27-32. Sex is for a covenant relationship between a man & woman. What is a covenant relationship? How does it differ from a consumer relationship? Sex inside of marriage is a covenant renewal ceremony that produces what three things? What kind of problems does sex outside of marriage create?
- 3) What is the Bible's view of sexual desire within marriage (Gen2:21-25, 26:8; Pro5:19; Song of Songs; 1Cor7:3-5)? What's the difference between thoughts entering your head & entertaining of those thoughts (2Cor10:5; Phil4:8)? Sexual desire outside of marriage is selfish, addictive & destructive (1Cor6:17-20; Pro.5:3-4; 6:24-26; 9:13-18; James 1:14-15). Explain.
- 4) What kind of figurative measures did Jesus say we need to take to overcome lustful intent in our heart (vv29-30)? What does sex outside of marriage point to? What does sex inside of marriage point to? What does it mean that you'll not be married well or single well until Christ is the love of your life (Phil4:10-13; 2Pet1:3)? Pray that at db we're more like Jesus than the Pharisees (Jn8:1-11).