
Towards A Virtuous Life

Toward Chastity, Away from the Deadly Sin of Lust

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“You know the next commandment pretty well, too: ‘Don’t go to bed with another’s spouse.’ But don’t think you’ve preserved your virtue simply by staying out of bed. Your heart can be corrupted by lust even quicker than your body. Those ogling looks you think nobody notices—they also corrupt.

Matthew 5:27-28 (Message)

LUST DEFINED:

An inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body.

A CASE STUDY OF LUST

I. David _____ his purpose by staying home from war.

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. (v. 1)

II. David focused on his _____ desires.

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. (v. 2-3)

III. When temptation came, he did not _____ from it.
Instead, he sinned deliberately.

Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (v. 4a)

IV. He tried to _____ his sin be deceiving others.

At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. (v. 13)

V. The consequences of David's lust were _____.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die." (v. 14-15)

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD. (v. 26-27)

Ask Yourself:

What is the aim of my life? Whose plan am I seeking?

THE WAY TO OVERCOME LUST

- Ask God in _____ to help you.
- _____ Scripture that addresses your temptation.
- Determine your _____ before you are faced with a difficult situation.
- Find another believer with whom you can _____ your struggles, and call upon this person when tempted.
- _____ your wrong actions to God before you become hardened to sin.