

## **The Seven Deadly Sins Part Five - Lust**

### **James 1:13-15**

God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

### **1 Peter 2:24**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness...

**Lust is a deadly sin that must die.**

### **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. 4 Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor - 5 not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways.

### **1 Corinthians 6:18**

Don't be immoral in matters of sex. That is a sin against your own body in a way no other sin is.

**God is not against sex.**

### **Genesis 1:27-28**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."

### **Hebrews 13:4**

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

## **What the Bible Includes as Sexual Sin**

### **1. Premarital Sex**

#### **Ephesians 5:3**

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

### **2. Extramarital Sex**

#### **Deuteronomy 5:18**

"You shall not commit adultery."

## **2 Peter 2:13-14**

They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. 14 With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed - an accursed brood!

## **3. Homosexuality**

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Romans 1:26-27**

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

## **4. Pornography**

### **Matthew 5:27-28**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’<sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

### **Job 31:1**

“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.”

### **Colossians 3:5**

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

## **Our world is obsessed with sex.**

### **Romans 12:2**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

### **Psalms 119:9**

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

## **How to Deal a Death Blow to the Deadly Sin of Lust:**

**1. Set boundaries as a single person.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:3**

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality...

**Ephesians 5:3**

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

**2. Set boundaries as a married person.**

**Proverbs 5:15-20**

Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? 17 Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. 18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe, a graceful deer - may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. 20 Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife?

**3. Cut off sexual curiosity.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:22**

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

**4. Safeguard against porn.**

**Psalms 101:3**

"I will set before my eyes no vile thing."

**The deadly sin of lust will cut the voice of God off in your life.**

**Romans 10:17**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.