

No Adultery

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Exodus 20:13

And God spoke all these words:

"You shall not commit adultery."

Matthew 5:27-30

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (Jesus)

You can get a large audience together for a strip-tease act – that is, to watch a girl undress from the stage. Now suppose you came to a country where you could fill a theatre by simply bring a covered plate onto the stage and then slowly lifting the cover so as to let everyone see, just before the lights went up, that it contained a mutton chop or a bit of bacon, would you not think in that country something had gone wrong with the appetite for food? And would not anyone who had grown up in a different world think that there was something equally odd about the state of the sexual instinct among us?– **CS Lewis**

"Sexuality is not simply about finding a lover or even finding a friend. It's about overcoming separateness by giving life and blessing it. Thus in its maturity, sexuality is about becoming like God—giving oneself over to community, friendship, family, service, creativity, humor, delight, and martyrdom so that, with God, we can help bring life into the world." "Having these depends on many things and not just on whether or not we sleep alone. One can have a lot of sex and still lack real love and community, just as one may be celibate and have these things in abundance..." - **Ronald Rolheiser**
