

# Adultery and Kingdom Citizens

*Matthew 5:27-30*



**Introduction:** In 1623 - “The \_\_\_\_\_ Bible.”

Today in Jesus’ sermon He wants to have a Word with us about \_\_\_\_\_.

The word adultery is related to the word \_\_\_\_\_, which means “to render something poorer in quality by adding another substance.”

**Cora Stanfield, 36 Crime:** \_\_\_\_\_

What does our Lord teach us about adultery? We discover the following...

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ Adultery is forbidden – 5:27**

**27** *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’*

Exodus 20:14 and Deuteronomy 5:18 - *You shall not commit adultery.*

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How many of you have heard the statement: The \_\_\_\_\_ is greener on the other side of the fence?

Ashley Madison: Life is short. Have an \_\_\_\_\_.

According to the **infidelity statistics**, about \_\_\_\_\_ of unmarried relationships and \_\_\_\_\_ of marriages see at least one incident of **infidelity**.

Proverbs 6:18 - *“Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.”* (also read 1 Corinthians 6:18; Hebrews 13:4).

**Have you committed \_\_\_\_\_?**

## **II. \_\_\_\_\_ Adultery is forbidden – 5:28**

**28** *But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

Everyone listens to someone. Whom do you \_\_\_\_\_ to? Will you listen to Jesus Christ? He says, *“But I say to you...”* Then He continued,

*Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her...*

In Greek, the word *“woman”* generally refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ woman. So then, adultery is having sexual relations with another person’s spouse.

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The word *“lust”* here means, \_\_\_\_\_, covet, and set one’s heart upon. We must understand that lust is the \_\_\_\_\_ of adultery.

One guy I heard said, *“I \_\_\_\_\_ but I don’t \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Proverbs 6:23-24 - *23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life, 24 To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.*

These words are written to keep us from our \_\_\_\_\_ wife. To keep us from committing adultery.

Proverbs 6:25-29 – *“Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes. . . Another man’s wife preys on your very life. Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man*

*walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished"*

Jesus tells us here in Matthew 5:28, that adultery is another sin that originates in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 4:23 - Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.*

Tony Evans wrote, "Sexual purity involves more than avoiding a \_\_\_\_\_ act. It too involves the heart. Immoral actions, then, begin with immoral \_\_\_\_\_ – and immoral thoughts are evil too."

Adultery doesn't have to be a physical action; it can be something that occurs in the \_\_\_\_\_ (where the real us resides).

If lust is a problem for you – it's a \_\_\_\_\_ problem. You better take care of what is going on in your heart. The Psalmist prayed in Psalm 139:23-24,

*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;  
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*

### **III. How to \_\_\_\_\_ with both Physical and Mental Adultery – 5:29-30**

In verse 29, the words are, " \_\_\_\_\_ " and "cast". These words mean that we must detach from sin, and we must remove that sin. The other words are found in verse 30, and they are, " \_\_\_\_\_ " and "cast" and again the idea is the same. Sin must be \_\_\_\_\_ with immediately.

Jesus deals with two areas where sin is played out from within the human heart – **our eyes and our hands.**

#### **1. If your right \_\_\_\_\_ causes you to sin – 5:29**

*29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.*

Jesus tells us what to do: (take notes)

## **2. And if your \_\_\_\_\_ hand causes you to sin – 5:30**

*30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.*

Jesus tells us what to do: (take notes)

Key Scripture passages:

**Conclusion:** What have we \_\_\_\_\_ from the words of Jesus?

1. That the \_\_\_\_\_ act of adultery is a sin.
2. That adultery can occur in the human \_\_\_\_\_ without the physical act.
3. That we must deal \_\_\_\_\_ with sin by discovering its source – heart, eye, hand, and then **sever the sin!**
4. That if you are involved in the \_\_\_\_\_ steps of adultery – you STOP now!
5. That you understand that Kingdom Citizens don't \_\_\_\_\_ adultery.
6. That \_\_\_\_\_ is a real place. It stinks, it's hot, and it's nasty. It's eternal. (I want to add that many people face hell in their minds because they committed adultery).
7. That \_\_\_\_\_ is available both with God and your spouse. Repent and be delivered.