

Matthew 5

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Matthew 5:20 (NKJV) – *“...unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

Jesus brought clarity to this by saying in Matthew 5 ... *“You have heard that it was said to those of old”... “But I say to you”*

Matthew 15:19 (NKJV) - *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”*

Matthew 5:27-28 (NKJV) - *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’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.”*

RECOGNIZE THE TRAP

Romans 8:13 (NKJV) – *“For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”*

Read Proverbs 7:6-23

Proverbs 7:23 (NKJV) - *“...He did not know it would cost his life.”*

James 1:15 (NKJV) – *“Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”*

TAKE OUT THE TRASH

This is part of the work we have to put in if we want to be free from lust...

EMBRACE DISCIPLINE

1 John 4:4 (NKJV) – *“...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*

Psalm 119:9 (NKJV) - *“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.”*

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NKJV) – *“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”*

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV) – *“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”*