

## LUST

*Genesis 1:26-31; 2:24-25; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 1 Thess. 4:1-8;  
Matt. 5:27-30; 1 Cor. 6:9-20*

**Introduction:** The Joy of the Groom

**The Beauty of SEX** (Gen. 1:26-31; 2:18-25)

*The Goodness of Sex* (Gen 1:31; 2:24-25)

*The Purposes for Sex* (Gen. 1:26-31; 2:18-25)

**The Fall of SEX** (Matt. 5:27-30; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20)

**Definition:** *Lust is a disordered and idolatrous sexual desire that is both enslaving and destructive.*

***Lust is a Disordered Desire*** (1 Thess. 4:3-8)

**1 Thess. 4:3-8** It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup> not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

***Lust is an Enslaving Desire*** (1 Cor. 6:12; Titus 3:3)

**Titus 3:3** At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.

***Lust is a Destructive Desire*** (1 Cor. 6:9-10, 14-20)

**The Rescue of SINNERS** (1 Cor. 6:11, 14-20)

***Rescued from our Past, Present & Future*** (1 Cor. 6:11)

***Fighting in the Present with Who We are in Christ*** (1 Cor. 6:14-20)

***Hope for the Future*** (1 Cor. 6:14)

**ANTHEM: A Strategy for Fighting Lust**

**A – Avoid** (2 Tim. 2:22; Matt. 5:28-30)

**2 Timothy 2:22** Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

**N – Say NO** (Jam. 4:7)

**James 4:7** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**T – Turn** (Job 31:1; Matt. 5:27-30; 1 Cor. 6:18)

**Job 31:1** "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

**H – Hold** (Heb. 12:2)

**Hebrews 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus

**E – Enjoy** (Psalm 73:25-26)

**Psalm 73:25-26** Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. <sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**M – Move**

**Romans 12:11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.