



LUST: THE COUNTERFEIT OF TRUE INTIMACY

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Lust is the desire for intimacy gone wrong.

1 John 2:15-17 NASB

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Scriptures about the danger of lust:

Proverbs 6:23-29; Proverbs 5:15-20

Romans 1:26-27; Ephesians 4:17-19

Lust begins with a lie.

The lie leads to sin. The sin leads to a stronghold. The stronghold leads to death.

James 1:13-15 ESV

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Levels of change, from lowest to highest:

Behavioral modification: Flee situations; remove freedoms

Accountability: Changed caused by an authority over you

Identity: Acting on your true nature of Christ in you

Ephesians 4: 20-24; Galatians 5:24

The Character of God: He is holy and pure and sinless.

The solution to lust: Intimacy based on true identity in Christ

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

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The Counterfeit of True Intimacy

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"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28

If your right eye causes you to sin,
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
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Matthew 5:29

And if your right hand causes you to sin, 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.

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Behavioral Modification

Accountability

Identity

You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:20-21

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self,

Ephesians 4:22-24

...created to be like God in true
righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

And those who belong to Christ Jesus
have crucified the flesh with its
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Galatians 5:24

The Character of God

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