

Pathway to Purity

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 5:27-30 –

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

“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. 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.”

1. Purity

2. Passion

“The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is through the expulsive power of a new one.”

– Thomas Chalmers

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How was Jesus' teaching regarding the seventh commandment different than the viewpoint of the Pharisees?
3. How would you characterize the link between the heart, the choices that we make, and the kind of life it produces (Lk. 6:43-45)?
4. How do you recognize when your desires are out of balance or unchecked (Rom. 13:14)?
5. In the fight against lust, are you doing anything that only makes sense if there is an eternal heaven and hell? Is there an urgency in your fight (I Peter 4:1)? What does that look like in your life?
6. Who or what gets the second glance in your life? Have you ever considered the healing properties of confession; not just to be *forgiven*, but to be *healed* (James 5:16)?
7. Read Psalm 130. What are God's means of grace to help us redirect our sinful desires?

