

9. Is Jesus saying that there is no difference between the attitude and the act?
10. Is Jesus contradicting the Old Testament law in His explanation?
11. When Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said by them of old time...” He was referring to whom?
12. Jesus is not taking issue with the law of God, but He is taking issue with whom?
13. In the Old Testament, God forbid adultery, emphasizing its wrongness by making that sin punishable by what?
14. The teachers of Jesus’ day promoted and supported their views by quoting from whom?
15. Whom did Jesus set up as the authority?
16. Why would Jesus’ statement in verse 28 have been so shocking to the hearers?
17. Do you do the same thing as the hearers of Jesus’ words did?
18. Do you find it hard to accept the fact that Jesus says we are just as evil as people who are adulterers or fornicators?
19. The assumption is that Jesus is addressing whom?
20. Women, what is an application for you, regarding this battle that men have?
21. How do we know, from Jesus’ words in verse 29, that this is a very serious issue?
22. How do we know that Jesus is using hyperbole in verse 29?
23. Is there anything that you need to get rid of to help you conquer lust? What?
24. Is your convenience more important than your spiritual life, your marriage, your mental health, or your soul?
25. The sin of lust almost kept whom from giving his life to Christ?
26. Some men choose to reject the light because they love what?
27. Jesus tells us that the price to pay for not letting go of lust and turning to Christ is what/
28. How do we know that Jesus is expanding the application of His analogies beyond lust only?
29. How do we often view sin?
30. Even if we do begin to understand how grievous sin is, our tendency is to focus on what?
31. If we don’t go beyond the external acts to the heart issues when we deal with sin then we are only doing what?
32. What was the law of God always intended to address?
33. If you are involved in committing adultery in your mind, are you minimizing it, excusing it, trivializing it, rationalizing it, making excuses for it, or even believing it is insignificant?

34. Have you underestimated the damaging character of adultery in the mind?

35. If you are a Christian, your Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ can do what?

*****Recommended Reading: “Not Even a Hint,” by Joshua Harris (for sale in our resource center in main office).**

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Matthew 1:1-5:32**
- 2) What are typical responses people in the church give concerning divorce?**
- 3) If a man or a woman committed adultery against their spouse, was the innocent victim or the faithful party, ever punished by God?**
- 4) What does God think of divorce?**
- 5) Is it always wrong to divorce? If so, how do you know? If not, why not?**
- 6) If a person has divorced his/her spouse, is it okay for him/her to get remarried? Why or why not?**

(A CD, DVD, video, or cassette tape of this sermon is available. Order forms are located in the foyer of the church in the middle entrance).

ADULTERY IN THE HEART

Matthew 5:27-30

(Series#27)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Adultery In The Heart.**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. We have a serious problem in the church. It is what?
2. The problem of pornography keeps getting worse because many of the factors that held it at bay are what?
3. What kind of result will happen if you don’t determine, by God’s grace, to aggressively battle the issue of lust?
4. Jesus devoted a lengthy section of the Sermon on the Mount, correcting what?
5. The righteousness of the Pharisees was merely an external facade which falls far short of what?
6. God’s intention in His law is for what?
7. God has always made it clear that He is not satisfied with a mere what?
8. Lust is a form of what?

****To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.**