

To those who have stepped over the line:

There is _____.
I assure you that any sin can be forgiven. Mark 3:28
To those who have suffered: There is _____.

He personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. You have been healed by his wounds! 1 Peter 2:24

To those who are enslaved by lust: There is a _____.

Then Jesus stood up again and said to her, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more." John 8:10-11

Tug-of-War

Lust vs Chastity

These commands and this teaching will keep you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of an adulterous woman. Don't lust for her beauty. Don't let her coyness seduce you. For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, and sleeping with another man's wife may cost you your very life. Can a man scoop fire into his lap and not be burned? Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet? So it is with the man who sleeps with another man's wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished. Excuses might be found for a thief who steals because he is starving. But if he is caught, he will be fined seven times as much as he stole, even if it means selling everything in his house to pay it back. But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul. Wounds and constant disgrace are his lot. His shame will never be erased. For the woman's husband will be furious in his jealousy, and he will have no mercy in his day of vengeance. There is no compensation or bribe that will satisfy him.

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Proverbs 6:24-35



Lust

Lust - the handing over control of our bodies and minds to illicit cravings.

Lust - the _____

Lust is the craving for salt of a person dying of thirst.

Frederick Buechner

The world's view of lust:

Sex is natural. Sex is good. Not everybody does it, but everybody should. George Michael

The problem with a 'physical only' view of sex? We are not just _____.

For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world. 1 John 2:16

To relegate sex to just a physical act is to make it nothing more than fulfilling a craving or relieving oneself.

Lies about Lust

We can use our bodies to fulfill our needs for _____ and _____

Most affairs are not about the physical pleasure of sex. They are about looking for affection and worth.

Sex will restore a _____ for life in us

The problem is that lust is like eczema. The more we scratch it, the more it itches. Stimulation does not lessen sexual desire and tension. It may give temporary relief, but in the long term it just increases it. Graham Tomlin

But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul. Proverbs 6:32

Chastity

We need to be chaste:

In our _____

What's the difference between physical attraction and lust? About 5 seconds.

Sow a thought and reap an action. Sow an action and reap a habit. Sow a habit and reap a lifestyle.

With our _____

"You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So if your eye-- even if it is your good eye-- causes you to lust, 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. Matthew 5:27-29

With our _____

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Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust. 2 Timothy 2:22

Some Pastoral words...

To those who think they are superman/woman:

Stop _____ yourself.

If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. 1 John 1:8

To those who are struggling: There is _____ in Christ.

You must warn each other every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. Hebrews 3:13