

# The Lust Of The Flesh

(1 John 2:15-16)

- Introduction:
1. God has placed within each human several natural and healthy desires.
    - a. The desire for food — gluttony.
    - b. The desire for drink — forbidden beverages.
    - c. The desire for sex — fornication.
  2. Some were evidently arguing that fulfilling the lust of the flesh (sexual sins) was natural and logical (1 Corinthians 6:13).
  3. (1 Thessalonians 4:3) It is the will of God, that we should be sanctified.
  4. In this lesson, we want to identify some of the problems, consequences, and solutions to the lust of the flesh.

## I. Sexual Immorality — The Problem

- A. We are bombarded with sexual images through the media.
  1. This has a desensitizing effect.
  2. It also suggests that sexual immorality is the norm.
- B. But sexual relations outside of marriage is even endorsed and promoted by religion.
- C. The lust of the flesh or sexual immorality takes on many forms.
  1. Premarital Sex.
  2. Extra-Marital Sex.
  3. Homosexuality.

## II. Sexual Immorality — The Consequences.

- A. (Proverbs 6:27).
- B. Temporal Consequences.
  1. Guilt.
  2. Destroyed Homes.
  3. Disease.
- C. Eternal Consequences.
  1. (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-16)
  2. (Galatians 5:19-21).
  3. (Revelation 21:8).
  4. (1 Peter 2:11)

## III. Sexual Immorality — The Solution.

- A. Don't feed on sexually oriented material (Philippians 4:6).
- B. Set your standards of conduct ahead of time (Daniel 1:8).
- C. Treat others with godly respect (1 Timothy 5:1-2).
- D. Choose carefully whom you date (1 Corinthians 15:33).
- E. Remember who you are (Ephesians 5:3).

- Conclusion:
1. (Genesis 25:29-34).
  2. Are you willing to sell your eternal inheritance for a moment of passion?