

The Big Idea: Purity of heart and mind is an absolute essential. It's God's will for your life that you avoid sexual immorality.

I. Remembering the context – vs. 20-48

- A. This entire section revolves around v. 20
- B. PUT OFF self-R+ness and PURSUE God's-R+ness

II. The eye of lust

A. The nature of TEMPTATION

1. Temptation is not SIN
2. Temptation is ALWAYS to sin
3. Temptation APPEALS to human desires
4. Temptation begins in the MIND

B. The nature of LUST

1. The teaching of the PHARISEES
2. The teaching of JESUS
 - Two important words from the text:
 - LOOKS

➤ LUSTFUL INTENT

- Three important observations
 - Jesus is NOT saying there is no DIFFERENCE between lust and adultery
 - This teaching is for MEN and WOMEN
 - The CULTURAL differences between the 1st century and the 21st century are STAGGERING

C. The nature of the SOLUTION

1. It's SERIOUS
2. It's FIGURATIVE
3. It's RADICAL
4. It's PRACTICAL
 - BEGIN where Jesus does...
 - Prepare for a BATTLE
 - Enlist HELP

III. What we take away...

The resources we have in the gospel and in Christ are greater than the temptations we face. Repent, receive forgiveness, be renewed.

Resources:

Sex in a Broken World, Paul Tripp; Hide or Seek, John Freeman