



Think Like Jesus

PART 4: LUST

INTRODUCTION

More often than not, we avoid sins in their extreme form but regularly commit them in a more covert form that Jesus is still very concerned about. In Matthew 5 Jesus gives six examples where, in His masterful fashion, He exposes our real struggle with sin, and he teaches us to transform and sharpen our thinking to the kind of life required of His disciples. The kind of life that truly sets us free! Are you ready to think more like Jesus?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:31

Job 31:1, 7, 12

Romans 6:11

Matthew 5:20

Mark 8:34

Galatians 5:24

Matthew 5:27-30

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Will said that the Jewish rabbis in the first century adopted a conveniently narrow definition of sexual sin and a broad definition of sexual purity. How do we do the same thing today?
2. Read Matthew 5:27-28. What is the connection that Jesus establishes between adultery, our hearts, and our eyes?
3. Read Job 31: 1, 7, & 12. Pastor Will said, "Our hearts must train our eyes, instead of our eyes training our hearts." What are some ways that you have allowed your eyes to train your heart? How can you be intentional in making your heart train your eyes?
4. Read Matthew 5:29-30. What is your initial reaction to these verses?
5. In this passage Jesus was illustrating mortification, not mutilation. Mortification means to reject sinful practices so completely that we die to them...we're as responsive to them as a dead person. How does Jesus teach us to practice this?
6. What's causing you to stumble? How can you relentlessly eliminate these things from your life every day?
7. How can this group help?

Application Prayer: Lord, help me to "amputate" whatever is causing me to sin. I'm not willing to let lust destroy my relationship with you or other people any longer. Be Lord over all of my life!