

Temptation

1. Looking on a woman lustfully is adulterous. Matt.

5:27–28. “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

2. Spiritual surgery may be needed to avoid immorality.

Matt. 5:29–30. “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”

3. Put to death sexual immorality. Col. 3:5–7. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

4. You can overcome sins of sexual immorality. Prov.

4:23. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. **Prov. 4:24–27.** (*practical instruction*)

5. Sexual sins come from the heart. Matt.

15:19–20. “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts,

murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

6. Sexual immorality, including premarital sex (fornication), is described in detail as sin against God and your body, the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6:12–20.

7. The sexually immoral will not inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6:9–10. Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

8. God can cleanse you from the sin of sexual immorality. 1 Cor. 6:11. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

9. You can overcome sexual immorality through the Holy Spirit. Gal. 5:16–18. I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do

the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

10. All immorality is forbidden. Walk as children of light. Be very careful how you live. Eph. 5:3–17.

11. Jesus can set you free. John 8:31–36.

12. Purify yourself out of reverence for God. 2 Cor. 7:1. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

13. Christians must no longer use parts of the body for sin; one can and must change. Rom. 6:15–23.

14. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is a warning for all sexually immoral people. 2 Peter 2:4–10. Jude 6–7. And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

15. God wants all of us to avoid sexual immorality, including premarital sex, and to learn to control our

own bodies. 1 Thess. 4:3–6. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.