

I Say Unto You 2: Adultery (Matthew 5:27-30)

Resources:

Sexual Purity: Fighting Against the Devastating Desire of Lust. Steve Sherman
http://www.cfcnb.org/docs/Sexual_Purity.pdf

Sexual Detox: A Guide for Guys who are Sick of Porn. Tim Challes Cruciform Press ©2010

1. The great peril of adultery throughout Scripture
2. *But I say unto you* (v. 28) – Understanding the commandment

What it is and what it is not that Jesus is saying here?

Flirting & dress: Do not be the cause for someone else to stumble

If it is “*Every Man’s Battle*” how important really is it to fight?

Attempts to *lighten* the meaning (under-applying)

Attempts to *tighten* the meaning (over-applying)

Are rules really helpful in your fight? Colossians 2:21-23

3. *Pluck out your eye, cut off your hand* – Jesus’ application (v. 29-30)
 - A. It is a grave problem that requires radical amputation
 - B. It’s an absurd statement revealing how helpless we are if we rely on natural means

Concluding points: You’ve been exposed as an adulterer, what do you do?

- A. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation
- B. Do not make accommodation for your lust
- C. Identify and ‘radically amputate’ that which easily besets you
- D. Cultivate your Union with Christ
- E. Make use of your powerful daily resources