

## TWO MESSAGES ABOUT SEXUALITY\*

THE WORLD'S LIES	GOD'S TRUTH
<i>Lust is no big deal</i>	"Lust is a shameful sin, a crime that should be punished..." (Job 31:11-12; NLT)
<i>A little sinful fantasizing won't hurt</i>	"To set the mind on the flesh is death..." (Rom. 8:6; cf. also Gal. 6:7-8); "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts" (Rom. 13:14)
<i>Taking radical action against sin isn't necessary</i>	"If your right eye makes you stumble [to sin], tear it out and throw it from you..." (Mt. 5:29-30); "Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness..." (2 Tim. 2:22)
<i>God won't mind a little compromise</i>	"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust..." (Col. 3:5-6; NIV); "But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you..." (Eph. 5:3)
<i>It's my body, I can do what I want with it</i>	"Flee from sexual immorality..." (1 Cor. 6:18-20)
<i>I can't control my sex drive</i>	"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you should abstain from sexual immorality..." (1 Thess. 4:3-6)
<i>Looking at a few pornographic pictures won't hurt me</i>	"Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you with her eyelids ...for on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread..." (Prov. 6:25-27; 7:22-27; Ps. 101:3)
<i>I won't experience any consequences for indulging my lust</i>	"So then each one of us will give an account of Himself to God" (Rom. 14:12) "Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death" (Js. 1:15; Heb. 12:6)
<i>People get away with adultery</i>	"For the lips of an adulteress drip honey and smoother than oil is her speech; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death, her steps take hold of Sheol" (Prov. 5:3-5; 5:8-11)
<i>God is keeping something good from me</i>	"For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand <i>outside</i> . I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness..." (Ps. 84:10-12)
<i>The pleasure lust promises is better and more real than God's pleasure</i>	"You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever." (Ps. 16:11)
<i>Fulfilling my lust will satisfy me</i>	"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, 'Therefore I have hope in Him.' The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him...." (Lam. 3:24-26) "The fear of the Lord leads to life..." (Prov. 19:23)
<i>Too much purity will keep me from seeing and enjoying beauty</i>	"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt. 5:8; Ps. 11:7).

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