

THE LUST OF THE FLESH

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The bible has much to say to the Christian concerning the lust of the flesh. The reason for that is that our flesh has not yet been redeemed, and if we give-in to the desires of the flesh, it will cause great damage and ruin our lives. It is very important that the Christian heed these warnings.

WARNINGS:

1 Peter 2:11-12

- **“Dearly beloved...”** God gives these warnings because He loves you.
- **“I beseech you...”** It is such a serious matter that God pleads with you.
- **“As strangers and pilgrims...”** You don’t belong in this world; you’re just passing through.
- **“Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.”**

Galatians 5:16-17

- **“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”**
 - God has not yet redeemed our bodies (Romans 8:23). The body is the same as it was when we were lost.
 - Your soul has been eternally saved (Heb. 9:12, James 1:21).
 - Your spirit has been regenerated (Titus 3:5).
 - Your mortal body (the flesh) opposes the Holy Spirit in you. The Spirit in you combats the sinful desires of the flesh. If you are not saved, your flesh has free rule.
 - Your flesh will fight against your soul and against the Lord’s control over your life until the day you die.

How the Flesh Fights

Ephesians 4:22, it uses deceitful lusts.

- Lust will destroy your life and ruin your family and your future. It does this by convincing you that committing sin is harmless fun. That is deceitful.

James 1:12-16, EVERY man is tempted of his OWN lust.

- Everyone struggles with lust.
- No one can say they don’t lust.
- When you surrender to the lust of your flesh, it will lead to death.
 - Death of your conscience, your future, planned blessings, etc.

1 Timothy 6:9, Lusts are hurtful. They will most definitely hurt you.

John 8:44, the devil leads his children straight into situations where they will fall into sin because he hates you. He is constantly planning your ruin.

Romans 13:12-14, God wants us to walk honestly, as in the day. If you’re doing something that you wouldn’t want anybody to see, then you shouldn’t be doing it.

- Jesus said, “**Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**” (John 3:19).
- “**Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof**” (vs 14). You know what your weaknesses are. Stay away from situations where you may be tempted to sin.

2 Timothy 4:3, People search for a church with a preacher who won’t make them feel bad about their sin

- People want to go to church and pretend they’re following God.
- A preacher who won’t preach against sin is a deceitful worker (1 Cor. 11:13) pretending to be a minister of righteousness (1 Cor. 11:15).

Jude 16-18, murmuring, complaining, and bragging are lusts that will ruin your life.

1 John 2:15-17, this world is full of things that will cause you to lust, but in the end, you’ll find out you were deceived, and you end up empty. The world passeth away, and the lust thereof.

Romans 8:7, “**the carnal mind is enmity against God.**”

2 Timothy 3:4-6, there are church members and preachers who quote the bible who will try to convince you that God doesn’t care if you sin. These people are “**lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.**”

- God’s preachers should lead you to want to live a clean, godly, righteous, holy life by preaching the word of God in its entirety.

Titus 2:11-12, the grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and live righteously and godly today.

2 Timothy 2:22, “**Flee also youthful lusts.**” If you know there is a temptation ahead, get away from it as quick as you can.

Christians today:

- Tolerate sin
- Give up former convictions and standards
- Bring things back into their lives that they gave up years ago.
- Yield to the pressures of others.

The bible says: abstain, deny, flee, fight back, don’t surrender, don’t give in to your lusts.

- Don’t do anything that you know you will regret at the Judgment Seat of Christ.