



MAIN SCRIPTURES

- Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:16-17
- 1Jn.3:2-3; Tit. 1:15; Ps. 86:11

SURRENDER MY WAYS

- Surrender Lust
- Practice Purity

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.**” Romans 13:14 WEBUS

“Walk by the Spirit, **and you won’t 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**, that you **may not do the things that you desire.**” Galatians 5:16-17 WEBUS

“...It is not yet revealed what we will be; but we know that when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him just as he is. **Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure.**” 1 John 3:2-3 WEBUS

“**To the pure, all things are pure**, but **to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure**; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.” Titus 1:15 WEBUS

“**Teach me your way, Yahweh. I will walk in your truth. Make my heart undivided** to fear your name.” Psalms 86:11-12 WEBUS

INTRODUCTION:

Cease resistance; abandon control of your life entirely, and come into complete submission to God. That's what it means to surrender. When Y'shua returns, some of you will be like Him. And for that transformation to occur, it requires that you surrender your lustful desires and practice purity.

Pray this without ceasing: "God, I will no longer be ruled by passions driven by my fleshly nature, carnal appetites, and harmful cravings, nor the desire for self-satisfaction and self-fulfillment. Today, I seek wholeness and lack of contamination from sinful cravings. I separate myself from worldly corruption. I will remain unmixed with and untainted by the carnal world."

Whoever won't surrender their lustful desires and instead practice purity, simply won't become like Him.

SURRENDER THAT I CAN DO IT MYSELF, MY WAY, AND FOR ME!

1. **Surrender My Ways: Surrender Lust & Practice Purity**

A. **Surrender Lust**

(1) **Introduction:** Surrender that I can do it for me!

- (a) **Surrender Lust:** Don't be ruled by passions driven by the fleshly nature, carnal appetites, harmful cravings, nor the desire for self-satisfaction and self-fulfillment.

1. “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.**” Romans 13:14

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- a) As a Christian, with the Holy Spirit dwelling within you, you have no excuse to indulge your lustful desires.
- (b) How is victory over lust accomplished? Walk in the Spirit!

1. “But I say, walk by the Spirit, **and you won’t 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, that you may not do the things that you desire.**” Galatians 5:16-17 WEBUS

- a) The Holy Spirit wars against the lust of the flesh.
 - 1) These are two opposing forces, but the Holy Spirit is immeasurably more powerful than the lust of the flesh—with one determining limitation—what you do with it!
 - 2) Prior to your Christian conversion, you simply had no choice. You were a slave to sin.
 - 3) Today, you are no longer “*in bondage to sin.*” (Romans 6:6) You are instead, “*free from sin,*

and bondservants of righteousness.” (Romans 6:18)

4) Unlike an unbeliever, you have a choice to make... *“those in Christ Jesus, don’t have to walk according to the flesh, but can walk according to the Spirit.” (Romans 8:1)*

5) *“Walk by the Spirit, and you won’t fulfill the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16)*

(c) The **ABC’s** of victory over lust that are already within your grasp...

1. “seeing that **his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue, by which he has **granted** to us his precious and **exceedingly great promises**; that **through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.” 2 Peter 1:3-4 WEBUS**

a) **A.** His divine power: Provided ✓

b) **B.** Everything needed for godly living: Granted ✓

c) **C.** Exceedingly great promises: Granted ✓

- d) **Partakers in the divine nature:** Provisional access based on your willingness to pursue the ABC's, by... [Practicing your faith as a disciple!](#)
- e) **Escape the corruption of worldly lusts:** Optional ?

(2) The Lust Option: Passions driven by your fleshly nature, carnal appetites, and harmful cravings.

(a) The lust option (loving the world): a losing proposition!

1. “Don’t love the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone **loves the world**, the Father’s love isn’t in him. **For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—isn’t the Father’s**, but is the world’s. **The world is passing away with its lusts**, but he who does God’s will remains forever.” 1 John 2:15-17 WEBUS

a) The things of “the world” equate to lust!

- 1) The sins that you feel, the sins that you seek, and the sins that you crave...
- 2) Every **lustful desire** will pass away along with the corrupt world... *“because creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”*
(Romans 8:21)

(3) Desires for self-satisfaction and self-fulfillment.

(a) Friendship with the world is hostility toward God

1. **“Where do wars and fightings among you come from?** Don’t they come from your pleasures that war in your members? **You lust, and don’t have.** You murder and covet, and can’t obtain. You fight and make war. You don’t have, because you don’t ask. You ask, and don’t receive, because **you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.** You **adulterers and adulteresses,** don’t you know that **friendship with the world is hostility toward God?** Whoever therefore wants to be a **friend of the world** makes himself an **enemy of God.”** James 4:1-4

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- a) **Friendship with the world:** your motivation is self-satisfaction and self-fulfillment; the lust for such things makes you an enemy of God and never delivers on its promises anyway.
- b) *Every type of lust is equated with adultery (sexual immorality). Keep this in mind as we elaborate on this idea in Section (5) *Sexual Immorality is the Gateway to Every Lustful Sin*, beginning on page 11!

(b) Lusts’ final expense is death!

1. "Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. But **each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust** and enticed. Then the **lust, when it has conceived, bears sin**. The **sin, when it is full grown, produces death.**" James 1:13-15 WEBUS

- a) You're tempted by you own lust (self-satisfaction)...
 - 1) Lust impregnates your soul...
 - 2) Your soul gives birth to sin...
 - 3) Sin matures from infancy into adulthood...
 - 4) Adult sin is a terminal disease!

(4) Written examples of things that you should NOT lust after, for our admonition...

(a) "God was not well pleased with lusts of our ancestors in the wilderness." (1 Corinthians 10:5)

1. "Now **these things** were our examples, to the intent **we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. Don't be idolaters**, as some of them were. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." **Let's not commit sexual immorality**, as some of them committed, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. ***Let's not test Christ**,

as some of them tested, and perished by the serpents. **Don't grumble**, as some of them also grumbled, and perished by the destroyer. **Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition**, on whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands **be careful** that he doesn't fall. **No temptation has taken you except what is common to man**. God is faithful, who will **not allow you to be tempted above what you are able**, but will with the temptation **also make the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

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- a) Do not lust after the evil things as they lusted...
 - 1) Don't be idolaters
 - 2) Don't commit sexual immorality.
 - 3) Don't test Christ.
 - 4) Don't grumble.
- b) Be careful that you don't believe the lie...
 - 1) Every temptation you face is common to man.
 - 2) God will not allow any temptation beyond what you can overcome.

- 3) With every temptation God makes a way of escape.
- c) God will deliver the godly from temptation, and conversely, He will punish those who chase after their lustful desires.
- 1) *“then **the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation** and to keep **the unrighteous under punishment** for the day of judgment, **but chiefly those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement and despise authority**. Daring, **self-willed**, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, though greater in might and power, don’t bring a slanderous judgment against them before the Lord.”* 2 Peter 2:9-11 WEBUS
- d) Christ is the ultimate example of what we should do when we are tempted!
- 1) *“For we don’t have a high priest who can’t be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but one **who has been in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin.**”* Hebrews 4:15 WEBUS

(b) ***Let's not test Christ**, as some of them tested, and perished by the serpents. **Don't grumble**, as some of them also grumbled, and perished by the destroyer.

1. **“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,** that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only born Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:14-16

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- a) Paul's reference to Christ in the wilderness in 1 Corinthians 10 is consistent with John's report that that the imagery in the wilderness in Numbers 21 was a prophetic foreshadow of Christ.
- b) Yahweh sent fiery serpents to bite and kill the Israelites as punishment for their impatience, constant complaining, and rebellion against Yahweh and Moses.
- c) After enduring hardships, the people grumbled about their food and water, prompting divine judgment, which led to their repentance and the creation of the bronze serpent for healing.

d) Earlier in that same chapter, Paul revealed that it was Christ who was there all along.

1) *“and all drank the same spiritual drink. For **they drank of a spiritual rock** that followed them, **and the rock was Christ.**”* 1 Corinthians 10:4

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(5) Sexual Immorality is the Gateway to Every Lustful Sin

(a) Flee sexual immorality!

1. **“...the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. Now God raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by his power. Don’t you know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! Or don’t you know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body? For, “The two”, he says, “will become one flesh.”** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. **Flee sexual immorality! “Every sin that a man does is outside the body,” but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”** 1

Corinthians 6:13-18 WEBUS

a) He who commits sexual immorality **sins against his own body.** How is that possible?

- b) In the beginning, the woman was not separate from the man. They were one flesh.
 - 1) *“God created man in his own image. **In God’s image he created him; male and female he created them.**”* Genesis 1:27 WEBUS
- c) God took the woman from the man so he would no longer be unaware of what was inside of him.
 - 1) *“Yahweh **God made a woman from the rib which he had taken from the man,** and brought her to the man.”* Genesis 2:22 WEBUS
- d) Adam recognized that she from his own flesh!
 - 1) *“The man said, “This is now **bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh.** She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken out of Man.”*
Genesis 2:24 WEBUS
- e) They remained as one through the bond of marriage!
 - 1) *“**Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and will join with his wife, and they will be one flesh.**”* Genesis 2:24 WEBUS
- f) They were never meant to be apart—thus, *“He who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”*

- 1) “So that **they are no more two, but one flesh.** What therefore God has joined together, **don’t let man tear apart.**” Matthew 19:6 WEBUS
- g) Unfortunately, mankind today is still being deceived by the Devil and does not treat marriage as God’s most reverent institution...
 - 1) “I wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness, but indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. **For I promised you in marriage to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ.” 2 Corinthians 11:1-3 WEBUS
- h) The wrath of God comes against those who are corrupt and impure.
 - 1) “**Put to death** therefore your members which are on the earth: **sexual immorality, uncleanness, depraved passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.** For these things’ sake **the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience.** You also once walked

*in those, when you lived in them, but **now you must put them all away:** anger, wrath, malice, slander, and shameful speaking out of your mouth.” Colossians 3:5-8 WEBUS*

i) No sexually immoral person has any inheritance in God’s Kingdom. Yes, sexual immorality is THAT SERIOUS!

1) “**But sexual immorality**, and all uncleanness or covetousness, **let it not even be mentioned among you**, as becomes saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate, but rather giving of thanks. Know this for sure, **that no sexually immoral person, nor unclean person, nor covetous man (who is an idolater), has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God.**” Ephesians 5:3-5
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j) Here’s how to avoid such risky behavior!

1) “I made **a covenant** with my eyes; **how then should I look lustfully at a young woman?**” Job 31:1
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(6) Excerpts: [The Lips of an Immoral Woman \(Prov. 5:1-23\)](#)

(a) Sexual immorality is a critical topic; it is a sin that will bring a man to the edge of total ruination!

1. "My son, **pay attention** to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding, that you may **preserve discretion**, and your lips may **keep knowledge.**"

Proverbs 5:1-2

a) Lack of discretion in this area will utterly ruin you!

b) You must be in such alignment with what you are about to learn that it not only camps in your brain, but the lesson should be on the tip of your lips at all times to share with others!

(b) Temptation of an immoral woman (sexual immorality)...

1. "For **the lips of an immoral woman drip honey**, And her mouth is **smoother than oil**; But in the end she is **bitter as wormwood**, sharp as a **two-edged sword.**"

Proverbs 5:3-4

a) **Honey:** It tastes sweet and seems natural, but in this case is as addictive as processed sugar.

b) **Oil:** It's easy to swallow; it goes down smoothly and helps other things go down easily too. It is also shiny and healthy for your skin; it makes you glow. But, it is a slippery slope to destruction.

Jump on that ride and breaking free from it will be

as difficult as a greased egg trying to climb up a water slide.

- c) God's will: know how to control your own body.
 - 1) *"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 [pagans] who do not know God;"* 1 Thess. 4:3-5
- d) If you don't, then this is the outcome!
 - 1) **Wormwood:** You are guaranteed to be left with a bitter taste in your mouth, a foul pungent feeling on your tongue and in your throat, as you are forced to swallow the bitter pill of frustration, embarrassment, a ruined name, and tarnished reputation.
 - 2) **A two-edged sword:** It will cut you badly going in and it will finish the job as it shreds your life into pieces coming out. And everything that goes in WILL eventually come out. You will not be able to avoid the damage, nor will you be able to hide the wounds.

(c) You MUST recognize and acknowledge that Sexual Immorality is [The Gateway Sin](#).

1. **[Romans 1:18-20, 24-26, 28-29]** “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.** For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead,** so that they are without excuse. {24} **Therefore God also gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, **to dishonor their bodies among themselves,** who **exchanged the truth of God for the lie,** and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions... [sexual immorality] {28} “And **even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over** to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, **sexual immorality...**”

- a) **The Gateway Sin!** After you “*deny the identity and nature of the Godhead,*” **Sexual Immorality** opens the doorway and a cascade of abominable lustful sins flow freely! (Continuing in Romans 1:29-32)
- 1) Wickedness, Covetousness, Malice, Envy, Murder, Bitterness, Argumentative, Deceit, Evil thoughts, Gossip, Traitorous, Haters of God, Violence, Pride, Boasting, Inventors of evil, Rebellion, Undiscerning, Untrustworthy, Unloving, Unforgiving, and Unmerciful.
 - 2) You become aware that you are coming against God and you do it anyway. (See: [Surrender Self-Will & Practice Self-Sacrifice](#))
 - 3) Then, you take it one step further and promote others to join you in your cascade of lustful behaviors!
 - 4) The Gateway Sin and the sins that follow are the antitheses of Love (I Corinthians 13:4-8).
 - 5) A complete teaching on the Gateway Sin can be found in this Sermon: [In the Image of God!](#)

(d)  **WARNING!** 

1. “Her feet go down to **death**, Her steps lay hold of **hell**. Lest you **ponder her path of life**— Her ways are

unstable; You do not know them. Therefore **hear me now**, my children, And **do not depart** from the words of my mouth. “ Proverbs 5:5-7

- a) **Radiation Present:** Exposure leads to certain DEATH and HELL!
- 1) Your involvement with a seductive immoral woman (sexual immorality) is as if you have locked yourself in a bunker alongside an unstable nuclear reaction.
 - 2) Radioactive nuclear material is present and it's as if you have purposely chosen to descend on a ladder into the toxic waste water.
 - 3) It's as if someone is screaming at you, warning you to not step down even one more slippery rung, and yet you cannot hear their cries.
 - 4) Wisdom and truth are your ladder to freedom, your hazmat suit, and yet you've torn off the barrier of your protective clothing and dived naked into radioactive soup.

(e) Don't even come close to Sexual Immorality!

1. "Remove your way **far from her**, And **do not go near the door** of her house, Lest you give your **honor to others**, And your **years to the cruel one**; Lest **aliens**

be filled with your wealth, And your **labors go** to the house of a **foreigner**; And you mourn at last, When your **flesh and your body are consumed**,” Proverbs 5:8-11

a) This will be the result...

- 1) Others will receive your rewards and accolades.
- 2) The years of your life will be swallowed up in anguish.
- 3) Others will absorb your resources and riches.
- 4) All your efforts will go toward the property of your competition.
- 5) In the end, you will be groaning in agony on your deathbed with regret and despair.
- 6) You will watch your body decay, as your strength and vitality dissolve into dust.

b) You will one day ask yourself...

- 1) *“Was ten minutes of pleasure worth a lifetime of regret?”*

(f) As you stand at the precipice of total ruin...

1. “And say: “How I have **hated instruction**, And my heart **despised correction**! I have **not obeyed the voice of my teachers**, Nor inclined my ear to those **who instructed me**! I was on **the verge of total ruin**,

In the midst of the assembly and congregation.””

Proverbs 5:12-14

- a) ...you will forced to contemplate...
 - 1) How you hated to be told what to do...
 - 2) How you avoided anyone you were vulnerable to, if there was even a remote chance they'd admonish you.
 - 3) How you disregarded the advice of those who you once considered your mentors and rejected their wisdom.

b) **Faithfulness to the Wife for Your Youth**

- 1) (Proverbs 5:15-19) Emphasizes how being faithful to your own wife is the PROTECTION against the lusts for an immoral woman...

(g) FINAL WARNING: Death comes to the fool who ignores this (Also see "[The Real Cost for a Harlot](#)" (Proverbs 7)

1. "For **why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?**" Proverbs 5:20

- a) You can have this with your own wife, so why...
 - 1) Be enraptured (*delighted, enchanted, charmed, captivated, thrilled, and beguiled*) with anything that God sees as sexually immoral?

2. "For **the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord**, And He ponders all his paths. **His own iniquities entrap the wicked man**, And he is **caught in the cords of his sin**. He shall **die for lack of instruction**, And **in the greatness of his folly** he shall **go astray.**" Proverbs 5:21-23

a) If you think you can get away with it... **YOU ARE COMPLETELY DECEIVED!** The ways of man **are before the eyes of the Lord**, and He ponders all his paths...

1) *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is **no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**"* Heb. 4:12-13

2) *"**There is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.**"*
Luke 12:2 WEBUS

b) **Your evil is punished by your own wickedness:** a wicked man is entrapped by his *own iniquities* and he is caught in the cords of his own sin...

1) *“The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming. **The wicked have drawn the sword** And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct. **Their sword shall enter their own heart,** And their bows shall be broken.”* Psalms 37:12-15

(h) **Death comes to the fool who ignores this...** He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his *folly he shall go astray...*

1. “Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. **But the correction of fools is folly.**” Prov. 16:22
2. “A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; **Fools pass on and are punished.**” Prov. 27:12
3. “**The fool** has said in his heart, “**There is no God.**” **Psalms 14:1** [He destroys, deletes, and cancels the Image of God]

(7) From Proverbs 6 “[Don't Do That!](#)”

(a) The Seriousness of God's Commands

1. “My son, keep your **father’s command**, And do not forsake the **law of your mother. Bind them** continually **upon your heart; Tie them around your neck**. When you **roam**, they will lead you; When you **sleep**, they will keep you; And when you **awake**, they will speak with you. For the **commandment is a lamp**, And the **law a light; Reproofs** of instruction are **the way of life**, To keep you from the **evil woman**, From the flattering tongue of **a seductress.**” Proverbs 6:20-24
 - a) A common theme throughout the proverbs, especially the early proverbs, is the critical nature of knowing and obeying the Lord’s commands.
 - b) Here again it is reiterated specifically to protect you from the **Gateway Sin**—sexual immorality.
 - c) Throughout Proverbs 5-7, the perils of sexual immorality are front and center.
 - d) This portion of chapter 6 further clarifies and reiterates the warnings. Here we emphasize the consequences!
- (b) Consequences for lusting after outward beauty...
 1. “**Do not lust** after her beauty in your heart, **Nor let her allure you** with her eyelids. For **by means of a**

harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.” Proverbs 6:25-26

- a) A man is reduced to crust of bread: the crust is that which is symbolic of what is insignificant. It is the part that is cut off and discarded, often burned, charred and having lost it’s rich flavor.
 - b) The object of his lust will hunt and feed upon his life: every aspect of life is invaded and destroyed when one is seduced by a harlot.
 - c) Sexual Immorality is the Gateway Sin leading to a cascade of abominable behaviors.
- (c) The consequences of adultery...
- 1. **“Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.”** Proverbs 6:27-29
- a) It will be like breathing in fire, being baked alive in an oven, and standing still on a searing red-hot grill— simultaneously.
 - 1) **Question:** Can you do so and not suffer the devastating effects?

(8) Leaving behind lust...

(a) Enough Already!

1. “For **we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles**, and having walked in lewdness, **lusts**, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries.” 1 Peter 4:3 WEBUS

a) You have already dedicated too much of your life to lustful thoughts and behaviors...

b) What’s the game plan to transform that old way of life?

(b) Paul says it perfectly... Let’s absorb every word!

1. “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, **that you no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles also walk**, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, **alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance** that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts. They, having become callous, **gave themselves up to lust, to work all uncleanness with greediness**. But **you didn’t learn Christ** that way, if indeed you heard him and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: that you **put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit**, and

that you **be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God** has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.”

Ephesians 4:17-24 WEBUS

- a) No longer walk as pagans who indulge useless thoughts and can't understand spiritual things.
- b) Pagans have no life with God. They have hard hearts and have no relationship with Christ.
- c) Instead, they give themselves over to lust—things you would never do if submitted to Y'shua reigning in your heart.
- d) As a follower of Christ, put away your old way of life that was corrupt—filled with lusts and deceit.
- e) Instead, be renewed in your mind with the Holy Spirit and live like the new man you are—who is empowered by God and has been created in righteousness, holiness, and truth.

B. Practice Purity

(1) **Introduction:** to be pure is to be blameless and spotless.

- (a) **Practice Purity:** Seek wholeness, lack of contamination from sinful cravings. Separate yourself from worldly corruption; remain unmixed with and untainted by the carnal world.

1. **“To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.”**

Titus 1:15 WEBUS

- a) A heart filled with **light and life** gravitates to pure things.
- b) A heart filled with **darkness and death** is incapable identifying anything pure!
- c) Let us pray this as we enter this section of our teaching.
 - 1) **“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.”** Psalms 51:10 WEBUS
- d) A man with a pure heart is a friend of the KING!
 - 1) **“He who loves purity of heart and speaks gracefully is the king’s friend.”** Proverbs 22:11
WEBUS
- e) Does Y’shua call you friend?
 - 1) **“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn’t know what his Lord does. *But I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.*”**
John 15:15 WEBUS

(2) Are you ready to seek wholeness and lack of contamination from sinful cravings?

(a) You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit—if the Spirit of God dwells in you.

1. “There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. For what the law couldn’t do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, that the ordinance of the law might be **fulfilled in us who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For **the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life** and peace; because **the mind of the flesh is hostile toward God**, for it is not subject to God’s law, neither indeed can it be. **Those who are in the flesh can’t please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the**

Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his." Romans 8:1-9

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- a) Maybe one of the most important "if then" promises/warnings in the entirety of the Scriptures.
 - 1) **If** you don't walk according to the flesh, but walk according to the Spirit, **then** there is no condemnation!
 - 2) God's law is fulfilled in us who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
 - 3) Those who live according to the flesh focus all their attention on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit focus all their attention on the things of the Spirit.
 - 4) The mind filled with fleshly desires is death; the mind filled with the Spirit is life and peace.
 - 5) Those with minds filled with fleshly desires are hostile toward God; they can't ever please God.
 - 6) You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you.
 - 7) And if any man doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to God.

(b) How can you eliminate contamination from sinful cravings?

1. **“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. With my whole heart I have sought you. Don’t let me wander from your commandments. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”** Psalms 119:9-11 WEBUS

a) Think in Bible!

- 1) Live according to God’s word.
- 2) Seek God with an authentic heart.
- 3) Don’t stray from God’s commands.
- 4) Know God’s word intimately.

b) How can a young man keep his way pure?

1) *“Likewise, exhort the **younger men to be sober minded**. In all things show yourself an example of good works. **In your teaching, show integrity, seriousness, incorruptibility, and soundness of speech that can’t be condemned**, that he who opposes you may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say about us.”* Titus 2:6-8 WEBUS

- c) Look for good examples to follow... in speech, lifestyle, demonstration of love, spiritual life, practice of faith, and in PURITY!
- 1) *“Let no man despise your youth; but **be an example** to those who believe, **in word**, in your **way of life**, in **love**, in **spirit**, in **faith**, and in **purity**. Until I come, pay attention to reading, to exhortation, and to teaching.”* 1 Timothy 4:12-13 WEBUS

(3) Will you separate yourself from worldly corruption?

- (a) PERFECT PURITY NOW: **Now is the acceptable time!**
1. “For he says, “At an acceptable time I listened to you. In a day of salvation I helped you.” **Behold, now is the acceptable time.** Behold, now is the day of salvation. **We give no occasion of stumbling in anything**, that our service may not be blamed, **but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God:** in great endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in **pureness**, in knowledge, in perseverance, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, in the word of truth, in the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the

right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report, as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet well known, as dying and behold—we live, as punished and not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things.” 2 Corinthians 6:2-10 WEBUS

- a) Purity in everything—representing ourselves as servants of God...
 - 1) Endure every type of trial and never stumble.
 - 2) Let your purity shine through in your thoughts, persistence, and kindness.
 - 3) Let the Holy Spirit flow out of you with love, truth, power, protection, and the ever-present testimony that you thrive—and no matter what you lack, it will be as if you possess all things.

(b) Flee from youthful lusts...

- 1. “Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay. Some are for honor and some for dishonor. **If anyone therefore purges himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, and suitable for the master’s use, prepared for every good work. Flee**

from youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord **out of a pure heart.**" 2 Timothy 2:20-22 WEBUS

- a) Let's begin with *"purging yourself from these."*
- 1) *"Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, **properly handling the Word of Truth.** But **shun empty chatter**, for **it will go further in ungodliness**, and those words **will consume like gangrene**, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus: **men who have erred concerning the truth**, saying that the resurrection is already past, and **overthrowing the faith of some.**" 2 Timothy 2:15-18 WEBUS*

- b) What are these and how do you purge them?
- 1) **These include:** useless conversations that come across as ungodly (interactions that start to feel like deadly infections.) These exchanges are often with men who spread bad doctrine that negatively effects the faith of others.
 - 2) **You purge by:** being a bold diligent minister of God's word, one who knows how to properly handle the Scriptures.

- c) Do that and you will be better suited to work for God, as an honorable person who is focussed on his personal holiness, by...
 - 1) Fleeing from youthful lusts.
 - 2) Pursuing righteousness, faith, love, and peace.
 - 3) Identifying with others who have the same pursuits with a pure heart.

(4) A commitment to remain unmixed with and untainted by the carnal world.

- (a) Unmixed with the carnal world: to practice purity; to make your heart undivided.
 - 1. **“Teach me your way, Yahweh. I will walk in your truth. Make my heart undivided** to fear your name. **I will praise you**, Lord my God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever more.” Psalms 86:11-12 WEBUS
 - a) Four Step Purification Process
 - 1) Learn what Yahweh wants for you and from you.
 - 2) Walk in that direction only.
 - 3) Don’t mix those priorities with any other!
 - 4) Praise Yahweh and glorify His name with your whole heart no matter what the sacrifice!

b) The power of praise! It will purify you like a crucible purifies precious metals.

1) *“**The crucible** is for silver, and the furnace for gold; **but man is refined by his praise.**”* Proverbs 27:21 WEBUS

(b) Paul reiterates the purification process—the path to becoming and remaining untainted by the carnal world—in his own words. And as he often does, he adds his wonderfully scholarly details.

1. “Finally, brothers, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **honorable**, whatever things are **just**, **whatever things are pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are **of good report**: if there is **any virtue** and if there **is anything worthy of praise**, **think about these things.**” Philippians 4:8 WEBUS

a) I call it “Think in Bible!”

1) **Virtue:** Whatever is right to God without your own lustful desires mixed in!

2) **Worthy of praise:** Praise purifies your desires!

3) **Paul elaborates:** Think about truth, honor, justice, purity, beauty, and positivity.

(5) The Garments of Purity

(a) We will all be clothed in pure white when He returns; for our wedding day; and in the final battle (ref.)...

1. **“He who overcomes will be arrayed in white garments,** and I will in no way blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” Rev. 3:5 WEBUS
2. “Let’s rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let’s give the glory to him. For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready.” **It was given to her that she would array herself in bright, pure, fine linen, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**” Rev. 19:7-8 WEBUS
3. “He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called “The Word of God.” **The armies which are in heaven, clothed in white, pure, fine linen, followed him** on white horses. **Out of his mouth proceeds a sharp, double-edged sword that with it he should strike the nations.** He will rule them with an iron rod. He treads the wine press of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. **He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, “KING OF KINGS AND Lord OF LORDS.”**” Rev. 19:13-16
WEBUS

(6) Everyone who has this hope set on Him purifies himself to get ready, even as He is pure.

(a) This idea expressed in 1 John 3:2-3 has been part of every surrender message thus far...

1. “Beloved, now we are children of God. It is not yet revealed what we will be; but **we know that when he is revealed, we will be like him**, for we will see him just as he is. **Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure.**” 1 John 3:2-3

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a) The ultimate goal of Christianity is to become like Christ. Who could argue with that premise?

b) What that looks like is that you must purify yourself as He is pure.

c) How that is done is to practice, by way of God’s grace, everything we’ve been studying in this message: *Surrender Lust & Practice Purity*.

d) **Practice...** We were already justified by faith (which cost us nothing). Now live by His grace, no matter how difficult it may be at times. And you will not be disappointed with the outcome!

1) “***Being therefore justified by faith***, we have *peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*;

*through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and **hope doesn't disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.” Romans 5:1-5 WEBUS*

(b) We've seen this already, but it's critical to repeat here:

1. **“For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality,** that each one of you know how to control his own body in sanctification and honor, **not in the passion of lust,** even as the Gentiles who don't know God,” 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 WEBUS

a) God's will is for you to be set-apart from the corrupt world and the first step is to separate from ALL sexual immorality. Don't give in to lust!

b) If you somehow don't believe that is true, you are not rejecting this message, you are rejecting God Himself, as Paul continues in 1 Thessalonians!

1) *“that no one should take advantage of and wrong a brother or sister in this matter; because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. **For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. Therefore he who rejects this doesn’t reject man, but God,** who has also given his Holy Spirit to you.”* 1 Thessalonians 4:6-8 WEBUS

(c) A final testimony...

1. “For our boasting is this: **the testimony of our conscience that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world,** and more abundantly toward you.” 2 Corinthians 1:12 WEBUS

a) Paul and those ministering with him were living with purity for the whole world to see—to the full extent of God’s will—and by His grace!

b) This would seem to be precisely what Y’shua prayed for His disciples in His departing prayer right before His betrayal, trials, and execution.

1) *“I have given them your word. The world hated them because **they are not of the world,** even as I am not of the world. I pray not that you*

would take them from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one.” John 17:14-15 WEBUS

2. “Lay hands hastily on no one. **Don’t be a participant in other people’s sins. Keep yourself pure.**” 1 Timothy 5:22 WEBUS

- a) Tonight, after we close, we will lay hands on you and pray for your purity with sincerity and godly intention.
- b) Those who see this remotely—I encourage you to do the same with one another.
- c) And explore and sign this... **Affidavit of Purity:** [THE PURSUIT OF PURITY](#) (You can sign it and [email it to Pastor Jeff](#) to sign!)

Prayer: *I SURRENDER LUST (Father, I will no longer be ruled by passions driven by my fleshly nature, carnal appetites, and harmful cravings, nor the desire for self-satisfaction and self-fulfillment.) I WILL PRACTICE PURITY (Today, I seek wholeness and lack of contamination from sinful cravings. I separate myself from worldly corruption. I will remain unmixed with and untainted by the carnal world.)*

ASSIGNMENT #14

1. Pray about and meditate on these Scriptures:

- A. *“For **the word of God** is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but **all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.**”*** Hebrews 4:12-13 WEBUS
- B. *“But there is **nothing covered up that will not be revealed,** nor hidden that will not be known.”* Luke 12:2 WEBUS
- C. *“For **God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.**”* Ecclesiastes 12:14 WEBUS
- D. *“For **no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.** But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, **each man’s work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is **revealed in fire;**** and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man’s work is.”* 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 WEBUS
- E. *“For the time has come for **judgment** to begin with the household of God. If it **begins first with us,** what will happen*

to those who don't obey the Good News of God?" 1 Peter 4:17 WEBUS

2. **Surrender Lust:** *"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.**" Romans 13:14*

A. Search your heart humbly and honestly.

- 1) Do you confess that you are sometimes ruled by passions driven by your fleshly nature, carnal appetites, and harmful cravings?
- 2) Will you acknowledge that you have desires for self-satisfaction and self-fulfillment?
- 3) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 4) Who will hold you accountable to surrender your lust?

3. **Practice Purity:** *"**To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.**" Titus 1:15*

A. Are you prepared to live a life of purity?

- 1) Are you ready to seek wholeness and lack of contamination from sinful cravings?
- 2) Will you separate yourself from worldly corruption?
- 3) Are you committed to remain unmixed with and untainted by the carnal world?

- 4) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 5) Who will hold you accountable to practice purity?