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# **The Lure of Lust**

Matthew 5:27-30 [Page 1502]

Thi	ee views of sexuality:
1.	Cultural view: Sex is sex.
2.	Religious view: Sexual desires are to be
3.	Christian view: Sex is God's to be to the in the covenant of marriage.
Wŀ	at's wrong with lust?
1.	It's
2.	trouble starts in ways.
	Sin will take you than you want to go, keep you than you want to stay, and you more than you want to pay.
3.	Lustto
Ov	ercoming the lure of lust:
1.	your sin.
2.	in a trusted friend.
3.	yourself.
4.	your of being

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## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

### **Getting Started:**

1. How is lust encouraged in today's culture?

## **Digging Deeper:**

#### Read Matthew 5:27-30

1. What, according to Jesus, is the full meaning of the seventh commandment: "Do not commit adultery" [27-28]?

2. Lust has been compared to "a cannibal committing suicide by nibbling on himself." How have you seen lust become a destructive force in yourself or others?

3. Some Christians have taken verses 29-30 literally and have mutilated their bodies. How do you think Jesus intends us to understand His warnings?

4. "Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay." Why, then, do we choose to sin?

5. Review the five steps to overcoming the lure of lust. Which one(s) require the greatest amount of courage for you?

### Taking it Home:

1. If you need to confess your sin to God, take time to pray through Psalm 51. Ask the Lord to do for you what He did for David?

2. Could you benefit from participating in a Celebrate Recovery 12-step program?

## **Prayer Concerns:**