

Mountaineering with the Master: If Looks Could Kill, Part II

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Talking about sex can make many of us uncomfortable. Why? The Bible is _____
silent about sex! Sex was _____ idea!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK, PART I...

1. Sex is a gift given to us by God _____ sin entered the world (see Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:6-9; Ephesians 5:28-32)
2. Sex is _____ for marriage (see Genesis 2:24, 25; MSG)
3. Sex can have some really _____ consequences when not done God's way (see Proverbs 6:23-26; I Corinthians 6:18-20)
4. Sex is a _____ when done God's way! (see Song of Solomon 4:1-7; 7:6-12)

You have heard the commandment that says, 'You must not commit adultery.' But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell....

(Matthew 5:27-30; NLT)

HOW DO WE PULL THIS OFF? ...

- Sex is all guys think about, right?
- The average guy tallied:
 - _____ sex thoughts per day; _____ food thoughts per day;
 - _____ sleep thoughts per day
- The average woman tallied:
 - _____ food thoughts per day; _____ sex thoughts per day;
 - _____ sleep thoughts per day
- What are Arise guys thinking right now?
- What do the _____ say?

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and His ways. Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before...

(I Thessalonians 4:3-6; NLT)

Drink water from your own well—share your love only with your wife. Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers. Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love... (Proverbs 5:15-19; NLT)

- Pathetic yet powerful lies: The answer is just to say ' _____!' or just stop _____ about it; I just need to _____ harder; It's up to God; I'm just weak; I'm the _____ one with this problem; I can _____ it at anytime; God will _____ forgive me; The _____ made me do it...

You shall not murder... (Exodus 20:13; NIV)

I'm telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder... (Matthew 5:22; TM)

You shall not commit adultery... (Exodus 20:14; NIV)

I say to you...

- Jesus is putting _____ teaching over and above what the rabbis were teaching!

Looks...

- The word ***looks*** is a _____ participle
- Temptation is _____ and universal

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it... (I Corinthians 10:13; NASB)

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure... (I Corinthians 10:13; NLT)

- The sin is _____ temptation!

If you refuse to obey, watch out. Sin is waiting to attack you, longing to destroy you. But you can conquer it!... (Genesis 4:7; LB)

If you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you... (Genesis 4:7; NLT)

With _____...

- Is lust bad?
- **Lust** = _____ craving or desire

For to me, living means living for Christ and dying is even better. I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live... (Philippians 1:21-23; NLT)

- Is lust bad? Depends on the _____ of our craving!

Satan might not outsmart us... For we are familiar with his evil schemes... (II Corinthians 2:11; NLT)

- What's really important is what happens _____ us, not what happens _____ us!
- God wants us to walk in _____

Resist the devil and he will flee from you... (James 4:4; NLT)

- _____ to God!

Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect... (Romans 12:1-2; NLT)

What's it gonna be?