

Doctrine of Lust

1. The word lust speaks of an intense passion of various natures.
 - There is the lust of murder. *Exodus 15:9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.*
 - There is the lust of gluttony. *Psalms 78:18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.*
 - There is the lust of a willful heart. *Psalms 81:12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.*
 - There is sexual lust of sensual passions. *Proverbs 6:25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.*
 - There is the lust of coveting. *Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

2. Christ is concerned that His followers be pure in their hearts in sexual matters.
 - *Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

3. Sexual passions can be easily perverted reflected in the homosexual lifestyle, the end of which is eternal damnation.
 - *Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

4. It is the will of the Lord that Christians not lust after evil things. Evil has reference to injurious behavior.
 - *1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.*
 - *1 Thessalonians 4:5 Not in the lust of concupiscence [*epithumia* (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); a longing (especially for what is forbidden)] even as the Gentiles which know not God:*

5. The divine provision for not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh is by means of walking in the Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
6. The various lust patterns of individuals can lead to temptation.
- *James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*
7. The consequence of yielding to any given lust is sin. Sin is a transgression of the known will of God.
- *James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*
8. Lust patterns cannot produce what is desired, and that is satisfaction for the soul.
- *James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*
9. To enable the believer to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust God has given exceeding great and precious promises, which must be claimed in order to arrive at spiritual victory.
- *2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
10. Those that will not walk after the Spirit, those who will not claim the promises of God to escape the corruptions that are in the world will be characterized by the following elements: uncleanness, lawless, presumptuousness, willfulness and without verbal restraints.
- *2 Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.*
11. In order for there to be no confusion, the Lord has made clear what constitutes the world: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.
- *1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*
12. One day the various lust patterns will not be allowed to operate, for they shall pass away. Only the person who does the will of God will live forever.
- *1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*