



WHAT **JESUS** SAID ABOUT...

When Jesus spoke of adulteries, fornications, and lewdness, He called these behaviors “evil things” that defile people (Mark 7:20–23). Jesus described adultery that is in the heart as coveting another man’s wife (Matt 5:27–28).

Adultery is sex with another person's spouse. Jesus also revealed that adultery includes divorcing and marrying another person unless one's spouse sinned by committing fornication — extramarital sex (Matt 5:32; 19:9; Mark 10:11–12; Luke 16:18; cf. 1 Cor 7:10–11).

# Matthew 5:32 (NASB)

32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

# Matthew 19:9(NASB)

9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

## Mark 10:11-12 (NASB)

11 And He \*said to them,  
“Whoever divorces his wife and  
marries another woman commits  
adultery against her; 12 and if  
she herself divorces her husband  
and marries another man, she is  
committing adultery.”

# Luke 16:18 (NASB)

18 “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.”



# 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (NASB)

10 But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband 11 (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.



The definition of fornication is from the Greek word porneia.

This behavior is all sexual intercourse outside of marriage between one man and one woman (1 Cor 6:16; Eph 5:31; Heb 13:4).

# 1 Corinthians 6:16 (NASB)

16 Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, “The two shall become one flesh.”

# Ephesians 5:31 (NASB)

31 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

# Hebrews 13:4 (NASB)

4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Jesus also spoke against lewdness, which His Spirit defined to mean to “allure through the lusts of the flesh” (2 Pet 2:18; cf. Luke 17:1; Jas 1:13–14).



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## 2 Peter 2:18 (NASB)

18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

## **Luke 17:1 (NASB)**

**17 He said to His disciples, “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come!**



# James 1:13-14 (NASB)

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

To cause others to lust through tempting speech, revealing clothing, and nudity is lewdness. Jesus also taught to not look to lust (Matt 5:28).

Looking at another person with an inflamed craving and lust is adultery in the heart. Jesus revealed, “And I say to that every person looking at a woman with covetous lust for her has now committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matt 5:28).

Looking to lust is within the definition of sexual uncleanness within the heart. Remember Jesus's words that out of the heart proceed evil behaviors and evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, covetousness, and lewdness (Mark 7:20–23).

# The Answer to Sexual Sins



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**(1) Make no way to give into  
lust (Rom 13:13–14).**



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## Romans 13:13-14 (NASB)

13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.



**(2) Escape temptation and bear it. God is faithful giving a way to escape for everyone to bear temptations (1 Cor 10:12–13).**



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# 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NASB)

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. 13 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.

**(3) Look to things above. Look to better things. “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God” (Col 3:1).**



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**(4) Pray lowering yourself before God when you are weak. Jesus told His disciples on the night of His betrayal, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matt 26:41; Mark 14:38).**



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**(5) Fill Your life with the Holy Spirit.** Then you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. The Spirit of Christ says, “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Gal 5:16–17).



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