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INVINCIBLE

CONQUERING THE MOUNTAINS
THAT SEPARATE YOU
FROM THE BLESSED LIFE

"MOVING FROM LUST TO PURITY"

PSALM 119: 9-11

Introduction: Truthfully, no one ever once and for all “conquers” the problem of lust, but lust can conquer us. In this final message in our series INVINCIBLE we are going to discover the secrets for moving from lust to purity that God desires in each of us.

I. The Definition of Lust

A. The Word “Epithumia”

1 Timothy 3:1 “It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.”

B. “Lust” In Relationship To Sex (Matthew 19:4-7; Matthew 5:28; Romans 1:24)

Lust is an insatiable **desire** for any sexual activity **outside** the will of God.

Matthew 19:4-6 ⁴ “And He answered and said, ‘Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,’ ⁵ and said, ‘FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH?’ ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

Matthew 5:28 “Everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Romans 1:24 “God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.”

II. The Role Of Lust in Sin (James 1:13-16)

James 1:13-16 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. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”

Corrupt Desires + Right Bait + Wrong Choice = Sin.

A. Corrupt Desires**B. Right Bait****C. Wrong Choice****III. The Man Who Could Never Say “No” To Lust** (Judges 13-16)

Proverbs 5:22-23 ²² “His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and he will be held with the cords of his sin. ²³ He will die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.”

A. Remember That No One Is Immune From The Destructive Power Of Lust

Job 31:1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman." (NIV)

B. Replace Lustful Thoughts With God's Thoughts (Psalm 119:9-11)

Psalm 119:9-11 ⁹ "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. ¹⁰ With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. ¹¹ Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You."

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ¹⁸ "Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body."

C. Realize That Lust Is Insatiable and Destructive (James 1:15-16)

Conclusion