

The book, *Premarital Sex in America*, has a section in which it addresses *the myths about sexuality in America*.

One such myth is:

“Pornography won’t affect your relationships.”

The book says on the contrary, *“Pornography now affects virtually everyone’s relationships.”* And they prove three things.

First, people who use pornography have *crushingly unrealistic expectations regarding physical appearance and sexual performance ...*

Secondly, they say *a significant number of male porn users experience a diminished tolerance for the difficulties of real relationships,*

Thirdly, they argue in the book, *women are increasingly being forced to accommodate sexual behavior and their appearances to the images and the style of pornography.*

The lifestyle of sexual idolatry doesn’t just destroy you here, it also has eternal ramifications.

“...better to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”
Matthew 5:30

3. The Future of Love

How are we really going to be delivered?

When Jesus was talking to the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4, he said, “I have a water that, if you drink it, you will never thirst again.”

In other words, *“I can satisfy your deepest needs. Those unfilled longings and needs? I can satisfy them. I have a water that if you drink it, you’ll never thirst again.”*

You will never be single well. You’ll never be married well, unless Jesus Christ love is the most important thing in your life.



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Love and Lust

Matthew 5:27-30

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, 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.³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, 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 go into hell.”
Matthew 5:27–30

It’s not what goes into your body that **defiles** you; you are **defiled** by what comes from your heart.”
Mark 7:15

The impossibility Jesus establishes here has a two-fold purpose:

1. To make you and I despair of any sense of our own righteousness and to seek his righteousness by faith.
2. To discover Jesus’ remedy for our sinful hearts is a new heart; which only he can give you because His life is sufficient to cover your sins.

C’mon plucking out your eye, cutting off your hand?

Jesus is speaking figuratively not literally. His point is we should be willing to give up whatever is necessary, *even the most cherished things we possess*, if doing that will help protect us from committing further evil.

1. The Biblical Integrity of Sex

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ” “But I tell you ...”
Matthew 5:27,28a

What’s the biblical sex ethic?

I can give it to you in two words: **Covenant Relationship.**

In other words: No sex outside of marriage.

If you enter into a covenant relationship you’ll gain three things you’ll not find anywhere else in life.

1. A place of complete acceptance.
2. A place where your deepest feelings can grow.
3. Freedom from your own feelings.

**The Bible says sex was not designed to be a consumer good.
It was designed to be a covenant good.**

Here’s what that means:

- Sex was designed to become a vehicle for engaging the whole person through sustained commitment.
- Sex in marriage I make myself physically naked and vulnerable, it’s a sign of what I’ve done with my whole life.

The Integrity of Sex is-*You must not do with your body what you’re not willing to do with your whole life.*

2. The Challenge of Lust

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
(That’s covenant thinking)

²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Skeptics twist this to say Jesus opposes sexuality. The truth is:

- **The Bible is anything but negative about sexual desire.**

Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.

Proverbs 5:18,19

- **The word Jesus uses for lust here in vs. 28 is synonymous with the greed and love of money.**

²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman **lustfully** has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matthew 5:28

Money lust is selfish, addicting and filled with fantasizing over what you could get. In the same way sexual lust has control over us.

It is idolatry. 3 Forms of Sexual Idolatry

- Pornography and self-gratification.
- Using sex selfishly.
- I can’t have a happy life without sexual fulfillment.
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This is why Jesus speaks out strongly about sexual idolatry

“If your right eye causes you to sin, 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 right 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 go into hell.” Matthew 5:29,30