Be Radical – Walk in Sexual Purity

Matt 5:27-30 (NKJV)

The Primary Purpose of Sex

Genesis 1:27-28, 31; 2:7, 18-25

3 things related to sexual pleasure:

- 1. God made every part of us (including our sexuality) very good! (Gen 1:31)
- 2. Pleasure is a by-product in life **not a goal**. (Psalm 16:11)
- 3. Sexual Pleasure was designed to be enjoyed within Marriage alone (Gen 2:22-25)

Sex is a life uniting act! Outside of a life-long commitment in marriage sex is utterly cheapened!

Jesus wants the best for us & warns against sexual immorality.

5 things related to sexual immorality (Proverbs 7:21-27)

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- 1. It begins in the heart / mind (v25) (Matt 5:28)
- 2. It **robs** people of **freedom** (v22-23) (1 Cor 6:16)
- 3. It causes **deep wounds** (v26)
- 4. It **robs** us of our **inheritance** (v26-27) (Matt 5: 29-30)
- 5. It is no respector of persons! (v26b; Matt5: 28a; 1 Cor 10:12,13a)

How can I be radical, overcome temptation & walk in sexual purity?

- 1. Passionately pursue God!
 - Don't compromise **who you are** for what the world says **you must have**!
 - Understand the difference between love & lust!
- 2. Maintain a healthy, consistent devotional life (Prov 7:1-5; 8:34,35; Psalm 119:9-16)
 Psalm 119:9-11, 15-16
- 3. Have 2 or 3 trusted godly friends you can be real with in this area. (Prov 27:5,6,9,17; Prov 11:13,14)

Proverbs 27:5-6, 9, 17 Proverbs 11:13, 14

4. Set clear boundaries emotionally & physically

Job 31:1, 7

5. Run from all Forms of Sexual Immorality (Gen 39:7-12; 1 Cor 6:18; 2 Tim 2:22) Gen 39:7-12

Do what joseph did

- Refuse!
- Respect
- Remove yourself
- Run!
- 6. Keep the fire burning in your marriage!
- 7. Repent & walk in freedom in Christ! (Psalm 51 David ;John 4 –Woman @ well)
 - Our past does not need to define our future!
 - No condemnation 'Go and sin no more.'