



Lesson Thirteen PURE IN A CULTURE OBSESSED WITH SEX

1. An obsession with sex in our culture today

2. Sexual Thoughts & Desires are inescapable (see Matthew 5:17-30)

⇒ Jesus re-interprets the Ten Commandments to apply them not only to overt behaviours but also to inner compulsions:

- Anger = murder
- Lust = adultery

a) Sexual Thoughts

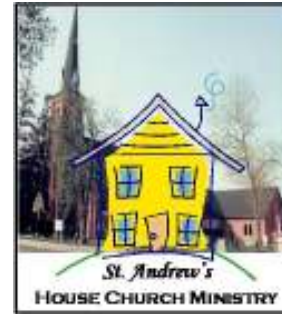
b) Sexual Desires

c) Sexual impurity (sin)

3. How to be pure in the onslaught of sexual thoughts, desires and influences (see 2 Timothy 2:20-22)

a) Flee youthful and not so youthful lusts
(see also 1 Corinthians 10:12, 13)

b) Supplant sexual input with thoughts and ideas that are pure and positive (see Philippians 4:7,8)



FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- For further personal reflection
- To share with family or a friend
- (House Church is currently taking a break until the launch of Dr. McQuaig's new series, *"A HOPE FOR ALL PEOPLE"* beginning on Sunday, February 5th.)

Warm up: What are some of the more overt displays of sexuality in our culture that you believe have gone too far?

1. Human sexuality, in its God-given sense, is a good thing. What do you think are the proper goals of sexual thoughts and desires?
2. In the lives of Christ-followers, how might we demonstrate to the world and a culture obsessed by sex the "virtue" of human sexuality that is different from the world?
3. In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:27-32), he equates lust with adultery. In what way is lust adulterous? In what ways are sexual thoughts and desires NOT adulterous?
4. In striving to be "pure" in this sexually charged culture, why is it a dangerous thing to expose ourselves to pornography and sexually temptation? Why is it dangerous to linger on these things?
5. Why do you think people of prominence and otherwise stellar lives of faithfulness and service sometimes fall prey to sexual immorality in their mid to latter stages in life? (ie. Jimmy Swaggart, Ted Haggard, etc.)
6. How can followers of Jesus supplant the tempting thoughts and desires in their lives with other more commendable thoughts and desires? (see Philippians 4:7,8)