

Title: Kingdom Purity

Text: Matthew 5:27-30

Target: To develop an understanding that purity is more than a line, it is direction.

1. **Avoid the Temptation of Adultery:** *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'* (Vs. 27)
 - a. **Sacred Covenant:**
 - i. **One Flesh:** *"hold fast to his wife, and they shall become **one** flesh."* (Genesis 2:24)
 - ii. **One place of Fulfilment:** *"marriage be held in **honor** among all, and the marriage bed be undefiled"* (Hebrews 13:4)
 - b. **Serious Consequences:**
 - i. **Trouble is certain:** *"he who does it destroys himself"* Proverbs 6:32
 - ii. **Trust is broken:** *"he will get wounds and dishonor"* Proverbs 6:33
2. **Abstain from Thinking Lustfully:** *"But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart."* (Vs. 28)
 - a. **Pattern of Enticement:**
 - i. **To Observe:** *"looks at a woman"*
 - ii. **To Obsess** *"lustful intent"*
 - b. **Place of Entrapment (To Obtain/Covet):** *"But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."* (James 1:14-15)
 - i. **Capture every Thought:** 2 Corinthians 10:5
 - ii. **Claim every Truth:** Psalm 119:11
3. **Acquire a Testimony of Accountability:** *"If your **right** eye causes you to sin, **tear** it out and **throw** it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your **right** hand causes you to sin, **cut** it off and **throw** it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. (Vs. 29-30)*
 - a. **Requires an Extreme Decision:** *"tear, cut, throw"*
 - i. **Establish Boundaries: Can't Do!**
 - ii. **Establish Barriers: Must Do!**
 - b. **Rescued from Eternal Destruction:** *"thrown into hell"*

TAKE AWAY: The Law of the Triangle