

Drastic Sins Call for Drastic Measures

Matthew 5:27-30

1. The drastic sin: lust.

Matthew 5:27-28 | ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

2. The drastic measures.

A. Do whatever it takes to purify the desires of your heart.

Matthew 5:28 | ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

1 Corinthians 7:4 | ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

B. Do whatever it takes to protect what you see.

Matthew 5:29 | ²⁹ 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.

C. Do whatever it takes to prevent sinful actions.

Matthew 5:30 | ³⁰ 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.

Jeremiah 17:9 | The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Romans 7:15 | ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.