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| I. <i>_Adultery_</i> actually happens in our <i>_hearts_</i>                                | I Cor 11:20; Matt 5:21-22; Heb 4:12                                    |
| A. An <i>_adulterous_</i> heart <i>_precedes_</i> a <i>_lustful_</i> look                   | II Pet 2:14  |
| B. It's the " <i>_consumer_</i> heart"  | I Pet 5:8; John 10:10  |
| II. A <i>_pure_</i> heart <i>_sees_</i> differently   | Matt 5:8; Titus 1:15   |
| A. The <i>_pure_</i> in <i>_heart_</i> have been <i>_filled_</i>                            | Matt 5:3-8   |
| B. From a <i>_filled_</i> heart, good <i>_flows_</i> out                                    | Matt 5:7; John 7:37-38   |
| III. Take <i>_sin_</i> seriously  |  |
| A. Of <i>_utmost_</i> importance, <i>_prepare_</i> your <i>_soul_</i> for <i>_eternity_</i> | Ezek 33:11; II Pet 3:9; Luke 9:25; 12:16-21; Mark 8:36; II Cor 4:17-18 |
| B. Take <i>_appropriate_</i> action   | Mark 12:30; Luke 14:33; I Pet 2:11                                     |
| 1. <i>_Stay_ _filled_</i>   | Ps 119:9-11; Col 3:16; Eph 5:18  |
| 2. <i>_Make_ _no_ _provision_</i>   | Rom 13:14; Ps 101:3  |
| 3. <i>_Don't_ _defraud_ _others_</i>  | I Thess 4:6; I Tim 2:9   |
| 4. <i>_Be_ _Accountable_</i>  | Ecc 4:10; James 5:16   |
| 5. <i>_Give_</i>  | Ps 37:21   |
| 6. <i>_Be_ _self_ - _disciplined_</i>   | I Cor 9:27   |
| 7. <i>_Cleanse_ _quickly_</i>   | I John 1:9   |

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; <sup>28</sup> but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. <sup>29</sup> "And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> "And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell.

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