

Flee

Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)

³But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

LIE

Lust is no big deal.

Truth:

Job 31:11-12 (NLT)

¹¹For lust is a shameful sin, a crime that should be punished.

¹²It is a fire that burns all the way to hell. It would wipe out everything I own.

LIE

A little sinful fantasizing won't hurt.

Truth:

Romans 8:6 (NLT)

⁶So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Galatians 6:7-8 (NLT)

⁷Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.

⁸Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

Romans 13:14 (NLT)

¹⁴Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

LIE

Taking radical action against sin isn't necessary.

Truth:

Matthew 5:29-30 (NLT)

²⁹So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

³⁰And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT)

²²Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

LIE

God won't mind a little compromise...

Truth:

Colossians 3:5-6 (NLT)

⁵So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

⁶Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.

Ephesians 5:3 (NLT)

³Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.

LIE

It's my body. I can do what I want with it.

Truth:

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NLT)

¹⁸Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

¹⁹Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,

²⁰for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

LIE

I can't control my sex drive.

Truth:

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 (NLT)

³God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

⁴Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—

⁵not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways.

⁶Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before.

LIE

Looking at a few pornographic pictures won't affect me.

Truth:

Proverbs 6:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵Don't lust for her beauty. Don't let her coy glances seduce you.

²⁶For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, but sleeping with another man's wife will cost you your life.

²⁷Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire?

Psalms 101:3 (NLT)

³I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them.

LIE

I won't experience any consequences for indulging in my lust.

Truth:

Romans 14:12 (NLT)

¹²Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

Hebrews 12:6 (NLT)

⁶For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

James 1:15 (NLT)

¹⁵These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

LIE

People get away with adultery.

Truth:

Proverbs 5:3-5 (NLT)

³For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil.

⁴But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword.

⁵Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

Proverbs 5:8-11 (NLT)

⁸Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house!

⁹If you do, you will lose your honor and will lose to merciless people all you have achieved.

¹⁰Strangers will consume your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor.

¹¹In the end you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body.

LIE

God is keeping something good from me.

Truth:

Psalm 84:10-12 (NLT)

¹⁰A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked.

¹¹For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.

¹²O LORD of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you.

LIE

The pleasure lust promises is better and more real than God's pleasure.

Truth:

Psalm 16:11 (NLT)

¹¹You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

Psalm 16:11 (ESV)

¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

LIE

Fulfilling my lust will satisfy me.

Truth:

Lamentations 3:24-26 (NLT)

²⁴I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

²⁵The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.

²⁶So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD.

Proverbs 19:23 (NLT)

²³Fear of the LORD leads to life, bringing security and protection from harm.

LIE

Too much purity will keep me from seeing and enjoying beauty.

Truth:

Matthew 5:8 (NLT)

⁸ God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

Psalms 11:7 (NLT)

⁷ For the righteous LORD loves justice. The virtuous will see his face.

Isaiah 33:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ Your eyes will see the king in all his splendor, and you will see a land that stretches into the distance.

Psalms 119:9-11 (NLT)

⁹ How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

¹⁰ I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Job 31:1 (NLT)

¹ "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman.

Romans 13:13 (ESV)

¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

1 Corinthians 6:13 (ESV)

¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

Ephesians 5:3 (ESV)

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

Job 31:9-12 (NLT)

⁹ "If my heart has been seduced by a woman, or if I have lusted for my neighbor's wife,

¹⁰ then let my wife belong to another man; let other men sleep with her.

¹¹ For lust is a shameful sin, a crime that should be punished.

¹² It is a fire that burns all the way to hell. It would wipe out everything I own.