# **Sermon Outline**: 7.18.21

Sermon Series: Vice & Virtue

Sermon Title: (7) Lust & Chastity

Sermon Text: Proverbs 6:20-29, 7:1-27

(Proverbs 6:20-29, 7:1-27)

## The Vice of Lust

### What Is It?

Webster: "Desire to gratify the senses; bodily appetite; excessive sexual desire, especially as seeking unrestrained gratification."

Epithumia: "Superimposed passion"; desire which dominates, especially illicit.

(Insert Quotes 1-4 one at a time, but not as part of the outline.)

(Matthew 5:28)

Jesus: "Lust is adultery in the heart."

#### What It Does?

Essentially, lust exploits and perverts God-given sexual desire.

Evidentially, lust drives all manner of sexual immorality.

Practically, lust leads to...

Release of restraint

Rebuke of remorse

Rupture of relationships

Ruining of reputation

### What Is The Cure?

Recognize & Repent of Lust!

Ratify & Reclaim Marital Sex!

(Proverbs 5:15-19) (1st Corinthians 7:3-5, NLT) (Hebrews 13:4)

Replant & Restore Chastity as a Virtue!

### The Virtue of Chastity

#### What Is It?

Based on marital status...

*Unmarried – complete abstinence; sexual purity* 

Married – complete exclusiveness; sexual fidelity/monogamy

Generally speaking...

Pursuit of moral/sexual purity, in will, mind, and body.

(Job 31:1-12)

## How Do We Get There?

Exercise – *Resistance* 

(James 4:7) (Romans 8:13)

Diet – Reception

(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:18) (Colossians 3:10) (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:3-5)

(Quote 1) "Lust is an insatiable craving to gratify fleshly desires by seeking to satisfy a legitimate desire in an illegitimate way."

(Quote 2) "Lust is a desire to possess, to own, to consume without caring about the needs or feelings of others or the will of God."

(Quote 3) "Lust bypasses love and moves to passion, eliminates relationships and turns the other person into an object to be used."

(Quote 4) "Paul said 'love never ends', but lust ends when the craving is satisfied. Love is a marathon runner; lust is a 10 yard dash."