

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 13 – A Biblical Strategy For Fighting Sexual Sin Part 1

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“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14 ESV)

Let me say it as clearly as I think Jesus said it, “the pursuit of holiness and defining of sexual sin are so important that your _____ can be _____ or confirmed in fighting sexual sin.

Your salvation can be affirmed or put into question by what you’re doing with sexual temptation. The _____ against sexual sin can indicate that you love the Lord, and your lack of fight can certainly indicate that you don’t.

It can’t be as simple as just to say no, guys. It’s more _____ than that, and you are more _____ than that. The Bible strangely enough is not silent about sex. It’s not silent about purity; it’s not silent about sexual sin and how to have victory over it.

“Labor to know your own frame and temper, know yourself. And, what spirit you are of, what kind of person are you, how are you tempted. What associates in your heart Satan has.”

John Owen

#1 Undertake the _____ of biblical instruction (about sexual purity).

You’ll have a strategy. Your lips can speak to your soul; your soul can be preached to by your mind. He says listen-up, wise-up, have a _____.

You cannot possibly have purity unless you pursue _____ instruction.

#2 Undress the _____ of sexual sin.

Perhaps the best understanding of this is to understand this adulteress as _____ or _____ (we have to say that in this world of pornography) that would encourage us toward any kind of sexual experience outside of marriage.

The beginning stages of sexual temptation always feel so _____.

The bottom line, she’s persuasive and she’s _____. He’s persuasive and he is _____.

#3 Understand the value of _____.

There’s going all the way, it’s over there; so I’m looking at sin and saying, okay, how far can I go towards sin. The right question is, ‘how _____ can I be’. How far can I get away from sexual sin and temptation?

Know this. Running from sexual sin is _____ painful because you’re crucifying fleshly desires in the moment. You’re going against what you want. This is the battle that we spoke of Friday night. You’re fighting against that. Are you in the fight? Are you in the struggle?

Discussion:

How do you respond to the statement that “your **salvation** can be **questioned** or confirmed in fighting sexual sin.”

What scripture do you see contradicted or confirmed. Read the following passages: What observations can we make?

1 Cor 5:9-13: _____

1 Cor 6:9-11: _____

Eph 5:3-14: _____

1 Tim 1:8-11: _____

Heb 12:12-17: _____

Rev 21:5-8: _____

Rev 22:14-15: _____

How does 1 John 1:5-2:6 help us in our understanding of this?
