

The War **for your Soul**

If you think you need more doctrine or information ... use the links at the end.

Doctrine is not the key here ... you already know enough about right and wrong.

Self-denial is key ... ruling your spirit to hate lustful urges and thoughts against godliness.



**You are in a
state of war!**

**Prepare to
defend yourself!**





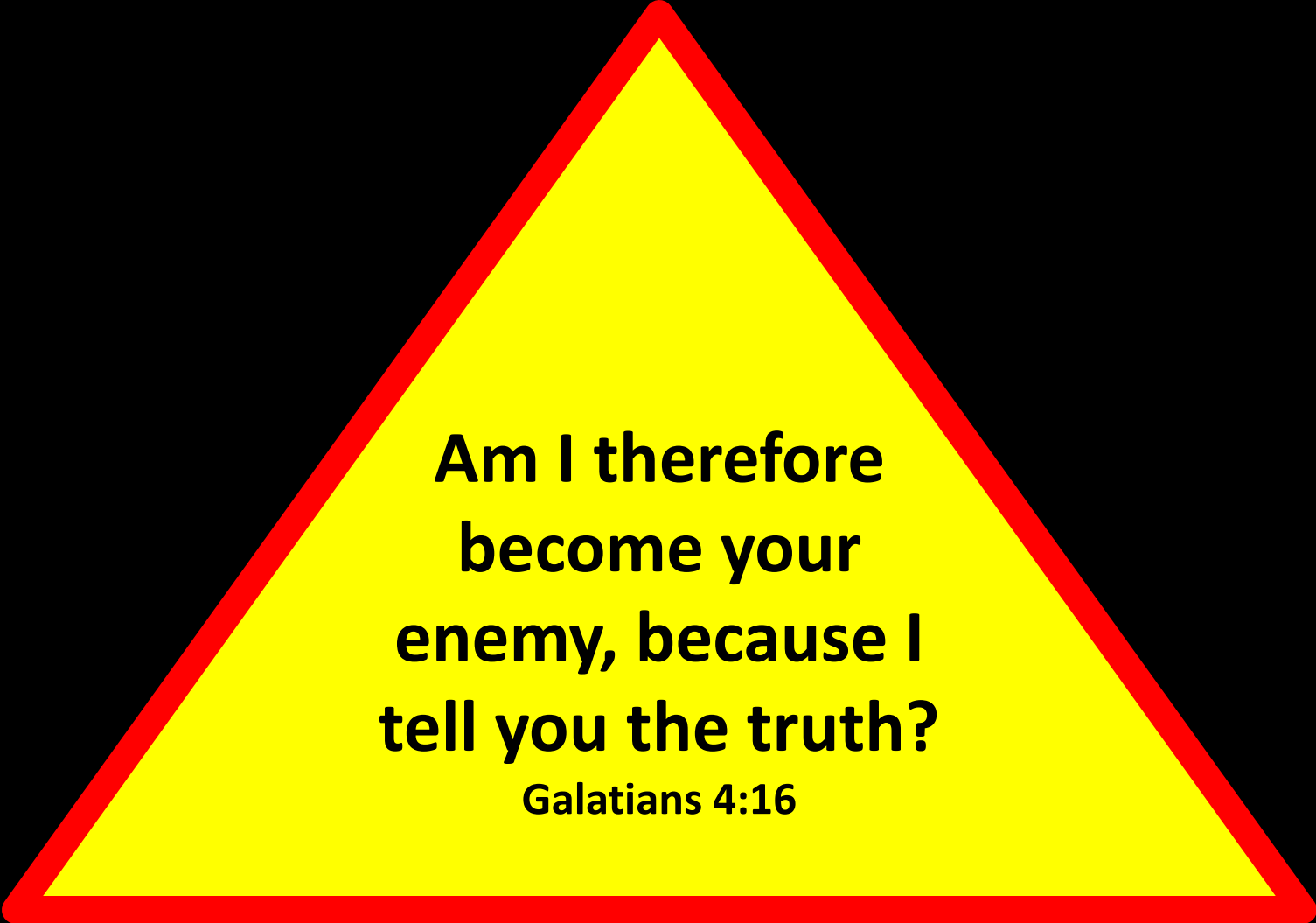




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**Am I therefore
become your
enemy, because I
tell you the truth?**

Galatians 4:16

You Are at War!

- It does not matter if you know it or believe it.
- You have an enemy intent on your destruction.
- If you are not fighting ... then you are losing.
- God commands you to fight ... so get serious now.
- The issue is soul life or death ... worse than dying!

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

I Peter 2:11

Dearly beloved

It is a message and
warning from one
friend to another.

I beseech you

God by His word and His
ambassador is begging
you tonight to consider.

Strangers and Pilgrims

Christians are citizens of a heavenly country and called out of this world.

What is a lust?

It is a desire ...
a love ... a need ...
an urge ... a pressure ...
inside you!

To disobey God!

To do things your way!

To compromise truth!

To cheat His rules!

What is the war?

Sin will take you down
to be God's enemy and
live a worthless life.

How do we fight it?


Abstain!

*To keep or withhold
oneself, to refrain.*

Don't give up!

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**Therefore
I esteem all thy
precepts concerning
all things to be right;
and I hate every
false way.**

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What is a lust?

It is a desire ...
a love ... a need ...
an urge ... a pressure ...
inside you!

How do I know them?

Any desire or urge inside you to disobey God and cheat the Bible's rules is a sinful lust.

What if I do nothing?

The desires and urges will become appetites to be fed ... and then become habits you cannot break.

What else about lusts?

They are very strong.
They feel like part of you.
They seem to be natural.
Denying them hurts.

What else about lusts?

You ruin godly goals.

You forfeit Spirit power.

You tempt God to judge.

You are likely lost.

Life Is Choices!

Today can be your best day.
Make your marriage the best.
You can be happy and fulfilled.
Bad habits are hard to beat.
Your sin will find you out.

What else about lusts?

They are a result of depravity.
You must rule your spirit inside.
Both omission and commission.
Lusts are totally against God.
It is new man vs. old man.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

I John 2:15

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

I John 2:16

**And the world passeth away, and the
lust thereof: but he that doeth the will
of God abideth for ever.**

I John 2:17

What Are Lusts?

- A desire, love, urge, need, pressure to do a thing.
- Lust of the flesh = what your body wants to do.
- Lust of the eyes = what you see that you want.
- Pride of life = protect or promote you selfishly.
- You are controlled by these three from birth.

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**Why did
Eve try the
forbidden
fruit?**

- 1. *Good for food* ... the lust of her flesh.**
- 2. *Pleasant to the eyes* ... lust of her eyes.**
- 3. *Possibly give wisdom* ... her pride of life.**

Genesis 3:6

Consequences

Died spiritually

Marriage ruined

Submission increased

Guilt and shame

Resented God

Body death

Go to hell



**What lusts
got David
into trouble?**

- 1. *Neglected his duty* ... was not at battle.**
- 2. *Discontent with wives* ... got up at night.**
- 3. *Lust of eyes/flesh* ... looked and planned.**
- 4. *Pride of life* ... who is Uriah! I deserve her!**

Consequences

Ruined fellowship

Lies and murder

Caused blasphemy

Guilt and shame

Sons go to devil

Sons killed

Reputation

Other Examples

- Achan ... gave in to urge to take and hide. *Dead!*
- Amnon ... gave into fantasies and sex. *Dead!*
- Samson ... liked exotic Philistine women. *Dead!*
- Judas ... a thief wanted a few more bucks. *Dead!*
- Ananias ... pretended more than he was. *Dead!*

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

James 1:13

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

James 1:14-16

Two Distractions

Lusts are not the devil!

Lusts are not the world!

Get Real!

Lusts war in Montana!

Lusts war without devil!

You Must Hate You!

Don't blame Hollywood!

The devil did not
make you do it!

You did!

Get Real!

Lusts fight you in bed!
Lusts fight you in church!
Lusts fight you in prayer!
Lusts fight all the time!

If You Give In

God offended and angry

Worthless to others

Your life is painful

If You Win

God happy and blesses

Profitable to others

Your life is joyful

Your Dangerous Situation

- You have an old man with burning lusts in you.
- If saved, you have a new man loving godliness.
- You must choose hourly which you will obey.
- Your urges in you are not you ... but sin or spirit.
- What urges will you follow and turn into habits?

**But I see another law in my members,
warring against the law of my mind,
and bringing me into captivity to the
law of sin which is in my members.**

Romans 7:23

Some Who Gave In

Samson

Solomon

Demas

Lot

Ahab

Eli

Gehazi

Some Who Fought Back

Joseph

Moses

Daniel

Paul

David

Phebe

Stephanas

Lust of Flesh!

Oversleeping

Moody

Sex Sins

Slow

Lazy Tired

Pleasure

Gluttony

Procrastinate

Fornication

Drunkenness

Skip church

Crash

Addictions

Slothful

Hypochondria

Inertia

Lust of Eyes!

Debt

Cars

Shopping

Clothes

Females

Covetous

Fantasies

Movies

Complain

Extortion

Overspend

Houses

Discontent

Poor savings

Theft

Porn

Pride of Life!

Anger

Sarcasm

Backbiting

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Stubborn

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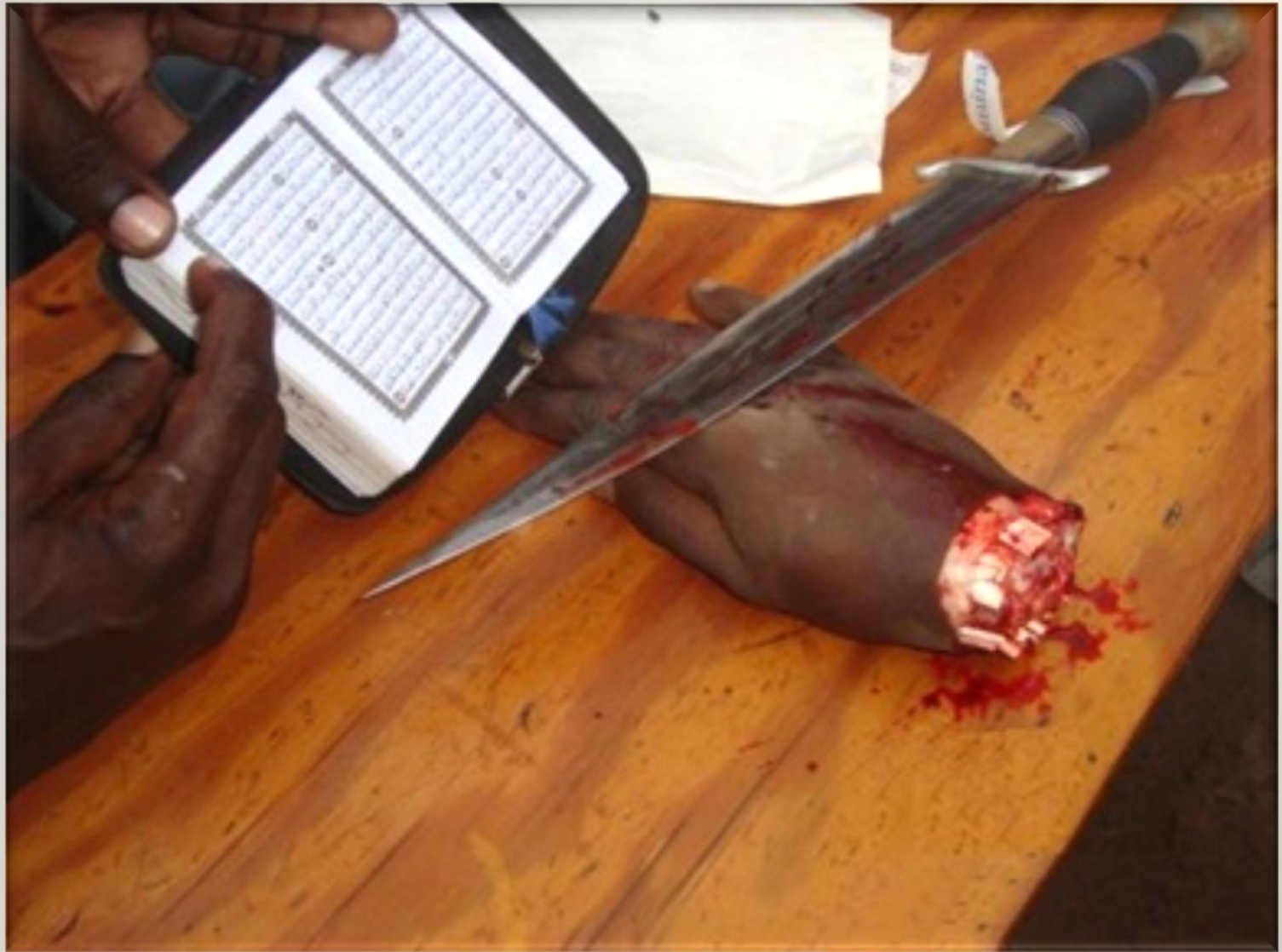
Malice

How Serious Is It?

Jesus said to maim yourself!

Cut off your right hand!

Pluck out your right eye!



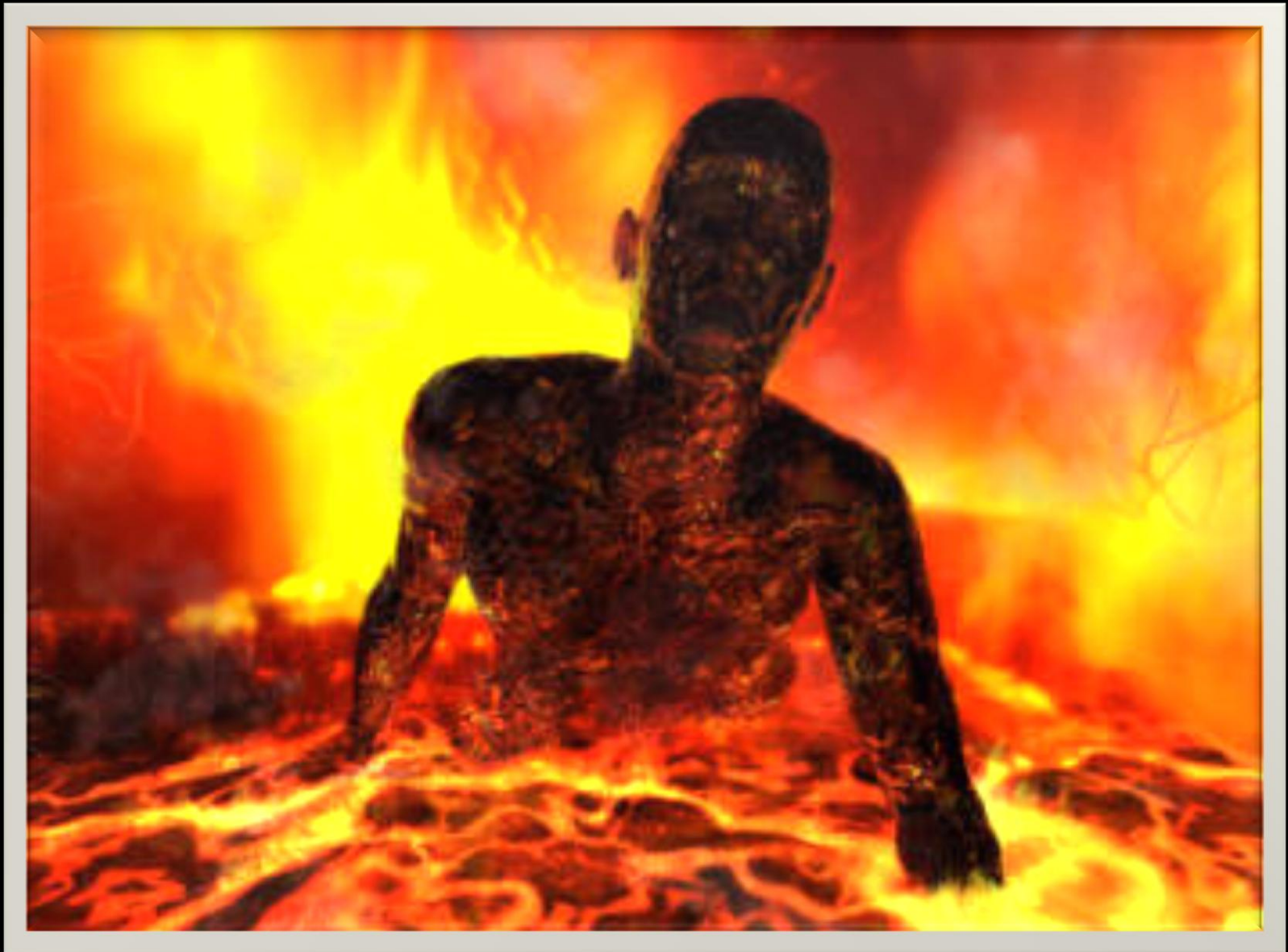




How Serious Is It?

Is the world worth your soul?

**What if you lusted for
everything and got it?**



How Serious Is It?

**You will die naked, taking
nothing and no one with you.**

How Serious Is It?

**You will die terrified, knowing
you must meet God as a fool!**

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?


II Corinthians 13:5

**Whosoever is born of God doth not
commit sin; for his seed remaineth in
him: and he cannot sin, because he is
born of God.**

I John 3:9

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

I John 2:15



**Will you hate
your lusts and
urges to cheat
God's rules?**

Wife thinks ... if I submit the Bible way, I will lose, and he will take advantage of me and get all the pleasure from the marriage.

This is nothing more than pride of life and rebellion of an evil wife intent on disobeying God and ruining her soul and marital life.

Husband thinks ... I would be happier if I had a prettier wife, so a little looking, a little porn, a little hatred, a little criticism is okay.

This is the lust of eyes, lust of flesh, and pride of life to think he deserves more, when the angels know that he is not worthy of his wife.

But he started it ... so I will punish him ... or I will wait for him to repent to make peace.

This selfish lust is the pride of life and leads to war. God called us to be peacemakers, no matter who started it or how you feel.

Certain people in the church irritate me and should leave if they don't want to love this church and be a good Christian like I am.

This hateful lust is self-righteous pride of life and in self-love exalts himself rather than get involved and help and serve others.

I am not going to volunteer to do anything because I have stage fright and there will be plenty of other volunteers to make food.

This lazy and selfish lust is the pride of life and wants his/her own comfort rather than serve others, though Christ died for him/her.

I am depressed and cannot help being down ... life is just too hard ... and I have more on me than I can bear ... more than anyone else.

This selfish person believes her lies; everyone today has it easy; she is spoiled and does not care for even her family suffering due to her.

I can text or talk to a person of the opposite sex, because it is not adultery, and it is fun.

This is the lust of the flesh and pride of life, for he wants pleasure from another, making provision for the flesh and hurting a spouse.

I can have a little more junk to stack in my house, one more piece of pizza, one more beer, one more vacation without savings.

This is lust of the flesh and pride of life, for they justify rebellion against God's word by their bodily desires and proud, sinful habits.

Its okay to backbite a person, when they are wrong; the facts are true, and others should know about a sinner among us.

This is the pride of life that causes men to devour one another. This person should protect the weak brother and convert him.

**Its okay to ridicule rulers that are wrong,
listen to Beck or Rush ridicule them, because
evil communications will not corrupt me.**

This is pride of life that causes men to mock
God's civil rulers and/or meddle with those
that pompously talk about matters over them.

I can't help I'm an angry person that gets really mad really fast. Its just the way I was made, and you should learn to cope with it.

It may be the way you were made by sin, but it is not God's way, so grow up and learn to control and rule your childish tantrums.

I think my standards in my house are my liberty, and I think they are pretty good, and I don't care what my wife or others think.

Your ignorance and pride are pushing you around. Grow up. God wants you to measure by Him and the best in the Bible and church.

I just don't have enough time to read the Bible or get to church early and stay awake in services. I am tired. I have a very busy life.

You poor thing. Most of the church, if not all, are doing more than you. It is your pride of life that will not adjust priorities for the Lord.

My husband hurt me many times; my heart is dead. I can't love him like I once did. I am not bitter, because I am better than that.

You poor thing. You talked yourself into this mess. Talk yourself out right now. You forget the 10,000 talents. Love is a choice to give.

My dad hurt me, and he does not know it or care. I know what the Bible says, but I can't honor him. I will avoid him to stay safe.

An opportunity to honor a froward father! Do it anyway! God will see the effort and reward you. You will need it when you have your kids.

My life is pretty balanced, though I do not have income or savings anywhere close to what is taught. I think the pastor is too strict.

The lust of the flesh – laziness – and the pride of life – rebellion – are ruling your thoughts. Grow up and take on adult duties like a man.

Hospitality and entertainment are overrated. I attend church. Isn't that enough? Others that like such a waste of time will do it.

You lazy, hateful, proud, selfish goat. Wait until you meet Jesus and He asks why you did not like getting down and dirty to serve Him!

I need a vacation, and the only time I can do it is Sunday.

Why not skip work to rest your lazy bones, so you can honor your Creator and Saviour? You value your minimum wage too highly!

My husband does not love me – he wants *you know what*, a perfect house, perfect kids, extra income, skinny wife. I resent him.

But he loves God, provides for you, overlooks many faults. He works hard to please his difficult boss. Does God accept your excuses?

Why doesn't this church love me more? Give me more attention? Why doesn't the pastor spend more time with me?

Because you joined this church to love, not be loved. The church and pastor are wondering when you will grow up and serve others.

I am such a sinner that God cannot love me or use me. I keep failing. There is no reason to try. I am a loser and will always be one.

Do not deny the Bible – by your ignorance or pride. The cross covers your failures! The strength of Christ will sustain you! Grow up!

I can watch whatever television I want. It will not affect me like it might you.

David would set no wicked thing before his eyes, and he hated those that turn aside.

I tell jokes cause it makes the people around me relax and laugh. How can that be wrong?

Because God hates jesting and foolish talking and will judge the world for these sins.

I feel terrible today ... discouraged ... nothing is going right. I can't help being depressed and sad. Others should take care of me.

Happiness is a choice! You are a spoiled baby that has been allowed to live by emotions. Grow up! Make today your best day ever!

I make love to my spouse, but I cannot help fantasizing about others while doing it.

Your thoughts are entirely your own. Flush them. The thought of foolishness is sin. The Bible condemns sinful fantasies about sex.

I can't forgive him, because he hurt me too bad. I have tried, but I cannot do it. He does not deserve forgiveness. I hope he rots.

God forgave you far more. He orders you to forgive even your enemies. If you do not learn to forgive him, God will torment you.

Have You Allowed Lusts?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

The Remedy!

- Abstain ... mortify your flesh! Kill your lusts! Now!
- Remember ... your two sources of urges inside!
- Maturity ... is growing up to be a Christian adult!
- Anyone ... in the Bible or church has equal lusts!
- Christ ... has enough strength for you to do right.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 7:24-25

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

II Corinthians 12:9

**I can do all things through Christ which
strengtheneth me.**

Philippians 4:13

**For by thee I have run through a troop;
and by my God have I leaped over a
wall.**

Psalm 18:29

For Further Study

- **I Peter 2:11-12** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/first-peter-two.pdf>
- **James 4:1-8** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/james-four.pdf>
- **James 1:13-16** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/james-one.pdf>
- **Galatians 5:16-25** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/galatians-five.pdf>
- **Romans 7:7-25** ... not in e-format at this time
- **Grow up!** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/christian-maturity.pdf>.
- **Two Men Fighting Inside** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/two-men-fighting-inside.pdf>.
- **Pride Again!** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/pride2.pdf>.
- **Pornography** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/pornography.pdf>
- **Other texts** ... I Cor 15:19; Titus 2:11-15; Heb 11:24-26; Matt 18:7-9; Gal 5:24; I Pet 1:17; Phil 4:13.