

Reflection & Discussion Questions

The Danger of Lust – Proverbs 22:3 & 27:12

1. Write out the definition of lust. What are some things we can lust after?

2. Define the following from 1 John 2:16, and give an example of each:
 - The lust of the flesh

 - The lust of the eyes

 - The pride of life

3. In the teaching we were told that though Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived, he was also a great example of the lust of the flesh. How is it possible to be very wise and yet struggle with lust?

4. What we allow in front of our eyes has an effect on us, and if we're not careful, it can lead us into temptation and sin. List three things you can do to protect yourself and those in your life from seeing things that might cause lust. How can you put them into practice?

5. The pride of life was defined as "the desire for man's approval rather than God's for the sake of image, selfish-ambition, or self-glorification." List 3 or 4 examples and put an asterisk in front of any you may identify in your own life. What practical steps will you/have you take(n) to move from desiring man's approval to God's approval?

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6. What is the progression of lust as described in James 1:14-16. Consider the description of being *drawn away* as game or fish are lured from its hiding place. How does this help you understand the strategic method lust uses?

7. How does lust “tell lies”?

8. Write out Proverbs 22:3 & 27:12 in your own words. Consider making this a daily prayer to avoid the danger of lust in your life.

9. Write out Galatians 5:16-17. Find at least one verse that gives instruction about how to do this.

10. What is the one new truth you learned from the teaching on lust?

11. Sit with the Lord and ask Him to search your heart to see if there is any addiction in your life. Consider the 5 stages of addiction, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to you. Are you...
 - Engaged in a behavior to satisfy an appetite?
 - Preoccupied with the behavior?
 - Only temporarily satisfied after engaging in the behavior?
 - Losing control over the behavior?
 - Continuing the behavior despite the negative consequences?