COMMANDING >THE HEART<

# LUST

**MATTHEW 5:27-30** 



# INTRODUCTION



<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."

(Matthew 5:27-30 ESV)

### PART 1

## **ADULTERY OF THE HEART**



#### 1. Introduction: Our world and sexual desire



• Living in a sex-saturated world: an endless onslaught



• Sexualised identities, individualism, and happiness make criticisms immoral



 Technological exposure, another front facing young people



• Is anyone left listening?



## 2. Does Jesus even care about my thoughts?



 Blurred lines between actions and intent (Matt 5:29-30)



• The heart levels the playing field between the "righteous" and "pagans" (Matt 15:19)



• How do I know lust and sexual behaviours matter? (Rom 1:24, 26)



 Being clear about good vs bad sexual desires (Matt 19; Heb 13)



# 3. Is sexual immorality really a problem?



• When sex rivals God (Rom 1)



• When sex corrupts God's body (1 Cor 6)



• When sex mocks the gospel (Eph 5)



# 4. What do we do about sexual lust and behaviour?



• Cutting it off (Matt 5; 1 Cor 6)



• Committing to school (Titus 3)



Letting the gospel teach godliness (Titus 2)



• Being heavenly minded (Matt 5; 1 Pet 1)



#### 5. Reflections for modern times



• Repent



• Change



• Act



#### PART 2

#### **DISCUSSING PRACTICALITIES**



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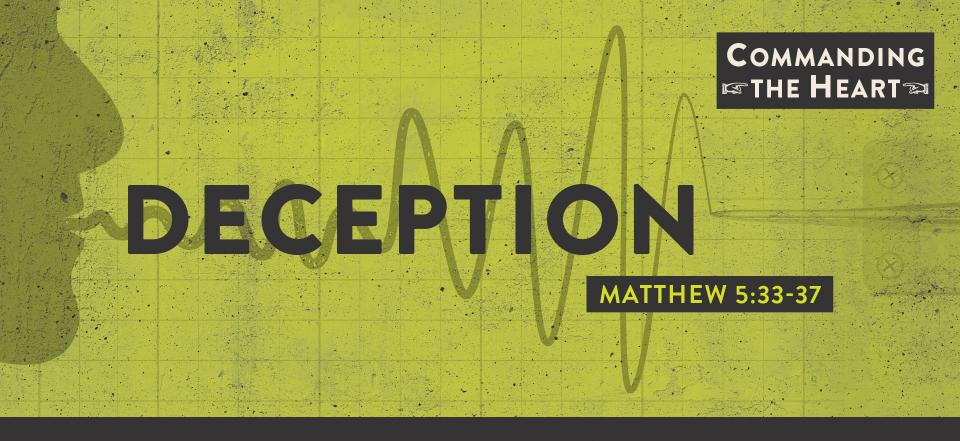
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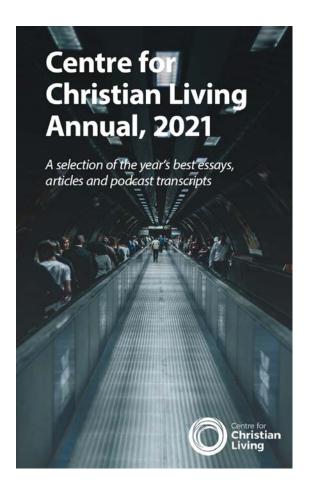
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