

NOV 15, 2020

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Shame <<<<<<<<< ? >>>>>>>> Self-Righteousness

1. **Shall not:** commit adultery. Jesus takes it a step further

_____. Ex. 20:14; Duet. 5:18; Job 31:1; Heb. 4:15-16

2. **So then:** deal with it _____, at all costs (_____ -

_____). For similar hyperbole: Mk. 9:43-48

3. **So that:** _____ can avoid Gehenna and

_____ can enter eternal life.

1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 2-3; Ja. 1:12-15

Is the point of intensifying the law so that one can enter into heaven only partially maimed?

So what?

Shame >>>>>>>> _____ <<<<<<<<< Self-Righteousness
(God, Ourselves, Others)

1. **Practically:** When it comes to lust and adultery, there are real measures for us to take; however, there has to be more that will _____ toward ongoing transformation.

2. **Purposefully:** Jesus has a fuller, more fulfilling invitation for _____.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

Why is it important for us to be able to talk about our sexual nature between extremes of shame or self-righteousness? How could a conversation like this be less awkward and more helpful?

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

Outside of this recent message, when is that last time you heard a message entirely devoted to lust or adultery? Do you remember what was communicated and how?

Why does constantly looking to more accurately see God, ourselves, and others protect us from the extremes of shame and self-righteousness? How does this impact you?

How can God’s grace and redemption motivate us from living out of obligation, fear, or avoidance to seeing our opportunities to grow, learn, and love?

Read the final fill-in-the-blank: Jesus has a fuller, more fulfilling invitation to us for life and relationships in His kingdom. In what ways do we have room for growth in this area as brothers and sisters in the family of God?

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1. **Shall not:** commit adultery. Jesus takes it a step **further BACKWARDS**. Ex. 20:14; Duet. 5:18; Job 31:1; Heb. 4:15-16

2. **So then:** deal with it **DRASTICALLY**, at all costs (**SELF-MUTILATION**). For similar hyperbole: Mk. 9:43-48

3. **So that:** ALL OF YOU can avoid Gehenna and MOST OF YOUR BODY can enter eternal life. 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 2-3; Ja. 1:12-15

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1. **Practically:** When it comes to lust and adultery, there are real measures for us to take; however, there has to be more that will **MOTIVATE OUR HEARTS** toward ongoing transformation.

2. **Purposefully:** Jesus has a fuller, more fulfilling invitation for **LIFE AND RELATIONSHIPS IN HIS KINGDOM**.

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