

Just Lust?

"Pure Sex", Part 2
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Where you get your appetite does matter!

I) LOVE: GOD'S RELATIONAL DESIGN

1) Love is **__HOLISTIC__**, appreciating the total person.

"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous." (Psalm 139:14, LB)

2) Love is **__SATISFYING__**, bringing about deep contentment.

"Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:8a, NIV)

"Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned." (Song of Solomon 8:7, NIV)

3) Love is **__COMPLETING__**, freeing us to live in God's love.

"No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete us." (1 John 4:12, NIV)

II) LUST: OUR SEXUAL DESPAIR

1) Lust is **__REDUCTIONARY__**, focused on the physical.

2) Lust is **__PROGRESSIVE__**, always craving even more.

*The progression: first) **__ATTRACTION__**
then) **__ADDICTION__**
then) **__ESCALATION__**
then) **__DESENSITIZATION__**
then) **__EMULATION__**

3) Lust is **__CRIPPLING__**, enslaving and limiting our lives.

"But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death." (James 1:14-15, NASB)

"Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death." (Proverbs 7:27, NLT)

"...he who sins sexually sins against his own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18b, NIV)

III) LEAVING YOUR LUST IN THE DUST

1) **__STARVE__** any lust patterns completely to death.

"If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." (Matthew 5:29, NIV)

2) **__SUBSTITUTE__** all lust thoughts with pure ones.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8, NIV)

3) **__SUPPORT__** the progress made with growing people.

"Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, NIV)

4) **__SOAK__** the truth of God's Word in your heart.

"I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You." (Psalm 139:11, NIV)

*Lust is the **__SHADOW__**, love is the **__SUBSTANCE__**.