

Dying to Lust and Rising to Holiness

I Corinthians 6:12-20, I Peter 1:13-16

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1. Lean In: Introduction Questions

Name some of your favorite Hollywood actors. Why did you choose them? Why are you attracted to them? OK guys, who can name all six of *Charlie's Angels*? Now gals, fess-up who are the men you notice in movies like *Top Gun*, *Ocean's 13* or *Indiana Jones*? Is being drawn to watch attractive people really so bad? Can attraction be fatal? Is a little lust really so deadly a sin?

2. Look Down: Observation Questions

Read I Corinthians 6:12-20. What does it say about sexual sins? Would you conclude that they are in some sense more dishonorable and damaging than other sins?

3. Look Out: Understanding Questions

A new TV mini series on the multiple marriages of King Henry the Eighth is being advertised with this line: "An Obsession that changed History." How true is that?! List some of the recent scandals that have rocked our society that began with lust? (Lust is a sexual craving that becomes excessive, but it can also refer to any inordinate desire or obsession to possess something or someone. We can lust for power, a car, money, or even fame.)

4. Look In: The Application Question

At Easter we celebrate the person whose holy, true love obsession changed all of history and eternity: Jesus Christ-Lord and Savior of all who "set their hope" on Him. Read 1 Peter 1:13-16. What is the cure or corrective for lust? Read also 1 John 3:1-3. What is the opposite of lust? How can weak sinners hope to become holy and pure?