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The lust of the flesh as it relates to sexual evil imaginations is leading nations, governments, societies, neighborhoods, families, and individuals to hell.

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. "

ROMANS 13:14

"That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed."

ROMANS 9:8

Lust of the Flesh Series– 3, Lust of the flesh (continued). Welcome to today's devotional in the mighty name of Christ Jesus! Father God awaken Your children to understand that You are alive and well and are involved more deeply in their lives than they know, I beseech You to allow them enough Grace to receive Your Wisdom and Knowledge from On High. In Jesus name, Emmanuel, I command this blessing upon the reader. Amen. (continuing)

Think of lust of the flesh as any and all of the lust which involves the flesh that part of you which makes you human—that <u>desire which has gone past the</u> <u>normal or average part of the human existence</u>. <u>Webster's</u> definition: 1a: pleasure, delight b : personal inclination : wish; 2: intense or unbridled sexual desire : lasciviousness; 3a : an intense longing : craving <a lust to succeed> b : enthusiasm, eagerness <admired his lust for life> Synonyms: ardor, concupiscence, eros, eroticism, horniness, itch, lustfulness, passion. So this is one of the places we get <u>the misconception that lust is mainly sexual</u>. <u>Lust is an</u> <u>inordinate desire of one or more parts of our make-up—our humanity</u>.

From this one perspective of "lust of the flesh" let's begin. The lust to have a sexual encounter with another human being or other creation in ways which are inappropriate, ungodly, not supported biblically with more than average emphasis, enthusiasm, and interest can be considered "lust of the flesh" as we have learned and Webster has given to us. The loins or sexual organs, brain chemistry that is pumping sexually stimulating hormones and <u>our "evil" imaginations motivate humanity into spiritually compromising situations</u> with our bodies and with our Christian walk.

In America, sex is sold along with the candy bars at the checkout counters of grocery stores, pharmacies, discount stores and almost any place where goods are bought and sold. It is difficult to pick up a magazine or newspaper and not be stimulated sexually, subliminally or outright, by some part of the sales pitch which is designed to move you from saving your money to wasting your money—to move you away from being satisfied with what you have to desiring something you don't need (and didn't want a few minutes before). Lustful desires get a person from existing in a godly position to moving into an ungodly one.

We see the young, vibrant man or woman, boy or girl who is the most attractive person available for the magazine, television, or internet advertising. They are picked, positioned, wearing the colors, and saying the words which focus groups have suggested would have the most impact on motivating us to do what the seller of the goods, products, or services want us to do-purchase. What we get though along with that is millions of dollars worth of advertising research impacting our lives. We don't stand a chance! So we desire the skinniest, prettiest, most colorful, toe nails, fingernails, eyelashes, eyeliner or the plain ones; cars, clothes, shoes, sneakers, schools, jobs, --need I go on. When we don't exercise our bodies but exercise our fantasies based on the imaginations of Fifth Avenue advertising agencies, we find ourselves stuck in pornography magazines, porn sites on the internet, watching a woman swinging around a pole, sitting in a sweaty bath house looking for a pick-up, in the dark recesses of a city park, in a back alley looking for oral pleasure, or talking to the local hooker as she fires up a cigarette after a five minute rumble in the back seat of a car. We chase the hips, the lips, the legs, the stockings, the underwear, the wigs, the costumes, and many, many things most of us do not dare to imagine but can be found by most five year olds on cable television or on the internet. Guess what? Father God is watching this play of human passions and evil imaginations. There is hell to pay and a hell to go to; and many are heading there. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16 (TO BE CONTINUED)

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