

# Fleshly Lusts and what they Make Impossible

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# Natural Desires

- The desires we have as human beings living in a physical world that demand satisfaction
- If we were to completely abstain from fulfilling them we would have a short, miserable life

# Fleshly Lusts that War Against the Soul

- Natural desires that have been allowed to rule a person's life
- Natural desires over which a person does not have control
- Natural desires that have no lawful means of satisfaction

# Fleshly Lusts make it Impossible...

- To have peace in our souls

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## Galatians 5:16–17 (NKJV)

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

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- To have peace in our souls
- To maintain good works that will bring glory to God

## 1 Peter 2:11–12 (NKJV)

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, **12** having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

# Fleshly Lusts make it Impossible...

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- To maintain good works that will bring glory to God
- To submit to human government

# 1 Peter 2:13–17 (NKJV)

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, **14** or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. **15** For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—**16** as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. **17** Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

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- To submit to human government
- To submit to our masters

# 1 Peter 2:18 (NKJV)

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

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- To imitate Christ in how we bear unjust judgment

# 1 Peter 2:19–20 (NKJV)

For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. **20** For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

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- To submit to our husbands

# 1 Peter 3:1–6 (NKJV)

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands... **3** Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—**4** rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. **5** For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, **6** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

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- To submit to our husbands
- To win an unbelieving spouse for Christ

# 1 Peter 3:1–2 (NKJV)

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, **2** when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

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- To win an unbelieving spouse for Christ
- To dwell with our wives with understanding

# 1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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- To dwell with our wives with understanding
- To love one another

# 1 Peter 3:8–9 (NKJV)

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; **9** not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

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- To love one another
- To love life and have our prayers heard

# 1 Peter 3:10–12 (NKJV)

For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. **11** Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. **12** For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.”

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## Colossians 3:5–7 (NKJV)

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, **7** in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

# Denying our Fleshly Lusts makes it Possible...

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# 1 Peter 2:21–25 (NKJV)

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **22** “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; **23** who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; **24** who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. **25** For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.