

# Fleshly Lusts and what they Make Possible

1 Peter 2:11-3:12

# 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.

# 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
- To maintain good works that will bring glory to God
- To submit to human government
- To submit to our masters
- To imitate Christ in how we bear unjust judgment
- To submit to our husbands
- To win an unbelieving spouse for Christ
- To dwell with our wives with understanding
- To love one another
- To love life and have our prayers heard

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## Judges 16:19–21 (NKJV)

Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. **20** And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him. **21** Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison.

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- To destroy what we once loved



# Saul

**1 Samuel 19:9–10** - Now the distressing spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing music with his hand. **10** Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night.

**1 Samuel 20:31–33** - For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die." **32** And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be killed? What has he done?" **33** Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David.

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## 2 Samuel 11:2–5 (NKJV)

Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. **3** So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" **4** Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. **5** And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

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## Philippians 3:17–19 (NKJV)

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. **18** For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

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- For us to abuse the innocent

## Matthew 18:5–6 (NKJV)

Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. **6** “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

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# 1 Timothy 4:1–2 (NKJV)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, **2** speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

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## Revelation 16:8–11 (NKJV)

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. **9** And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory. **10** Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. **11** They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

## Revelation 16:18–21 (NKJV)

... and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.... **20** Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. **21** And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

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## Hebrews 10:26–29 (NKJV)

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27** but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. **28** Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **29** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

## Hebrews 6:4–6 (NKJV)

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6** if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.



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## 2 Peter 2:18–22 (NKJV)

For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

**19** While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage

## 2 Peter 2:18–22 (NKJV)

**20** For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. **21** For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. **22** But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

# Denying Fleshly Lusts makes it Impossible...

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## Titus 2:11–14 (NKJV)

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.