

the TAKE HOME 7.22.12

Today's Scripture Passages:

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 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. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. Matthew 5: 27-29

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. I Corinthians 10:13

...for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ... 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Treat...older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. I Timothy 5:1-2

I want women to show their beauty by dressing in appropriate clothes that are modest and respectable. Their beauty will be shown by what they do, not by their hair styles or the gold jewelry, pearls, or expensive clothes they wear. God's Word Translation of I Timothy 2:8-9

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- If you are married, have you had conversations with your spouse about the topic of today's sermon? If not, why not? Take some time this week to relate with your spouse about the ways in which he/she might support you in your sexual/emotional integrity.
- Have you ever found yourself enamored with another man or woman more than their Creator (Romans 1:25)? What did you do about this?
- Can you think of a time that God provided you a way of out of a temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)?
- Do you need to take drastic measures to find a way of escape now?
- How might you "take every (tempting) thought captive" and make it obedient to Christ?
- What Bible verses do you use to combat the Enemy's temptations?
- Is there someone that you need to connect with to help keep you accountable and support you in your goal of sexual/emotional integrity?

For Further Help:

- Every Man's Battle: Winning the War on Sexual Temptation One Victory at a Time (The Every Man Series), Stephen Arterburn,
- Sex is Not the Problem (Lust Is), Joshua Harris
- Healing the Wounds of Sexual Addiction, Mark Laaser
- Google "Christian Internet Filter"
- Attend our Celebrate Recovery Hurst, Hang-ups, and Habits support group.

Sermon Notes