

3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. **4** Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. **5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.[a] **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. **7** Therefore do not be partners with them.

Last week we looked at how some strongholds of sin in our lives are more dangerous to our faith than others because *they touch on the deep desires within us that ultimately we start to worship.*

Sexual Immorality = the physical act of sex for the purposes of intimacy outside of a heterosexual marriage.

Q : For centuries marriage was more of an arrangement with minimal expectation for genuine connection and intimacy. Do you think that the high expectation on marriage to satisfy all needs is a good thing or a bad thing and why?

Q : Why do you believe God lists “living together” as immorality? How does a common law marriage factor into this?

Impurity = the hedonistic pursuit of physical and chemical satisfaction.

Q : Why is it that when people are younger adults that they like to indulge in sensual pleasure but generally when a little older it is less so?

Q : Can a person [particularly someone not in a marriage etc] indulge in seasons of sensual pleasure with little or no recognizable consequence?

Q : Why did so many of the pagan religions have sensual pleasure and prostitution as part of their worship? Where do we most often see the “worship and parading of the sensual body” today?

Greed [covetousness] = the insatiable appetite for more money or possessions.

Q : Why do we see immorality as worse than greed? Which has caused more harm in the world?

Q : How did you do on the iPhone test? Why is it difficult sometimes to discern true motives when it comes to possessions?