

True Righteousness

5. Adultery, lust, and striving for purity (Matthew 5 v27-30)

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Introduction

Review - What does it mean to be righteous?

Take lust seriously (v27-28)

1. The original command
2. True intention of the law
3. Implication

Strive for purity (v29-30)

1. Live radically
 - a. Have a warfare mentality
 - b. Separate from things that cause sin
2. Believe in grace
 - a. Grace that forgives
 - b. Grace that transforms
3. Rightly understand progress

Conclusion

Matthew 5 v27-30 (NIV)

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall 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. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, 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 stumble, 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.