Pursuing and Promoting Purity
Matthew 5:27-30

Main Point:
Pursue and promote inward purity by removing all obstacles to it from your life.

1. Jesus calls you to pursue inward purity.

2. Jesus calls you to promote inward purity.

3. The way to do this is by removing all obstacles to purity from your life.

Quotations and Cross-References

Romans 13:13 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. (NKJV)

Exodus 20:8-10 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "If looking be lust, [then] they who dress and deck, and expose themselves, with design to be looked at and lusted after … are no less guilty."

1 Timothy 2:9-10a 9 … women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness … (ESV)

Romans 14:13 13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way. (NKJV)

Mark Ross "What Jesus is saying is that however great the sacrifice, and however painful the solution, whatever it takes to win the battle against sin in your life, we should spare no effort in it."

Mark Ross "… A blind man or one with no hands could still commit adultery and lust."

Matthew 15:19 19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, 7-8 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God … 7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. (NKJV)