

More Scriptures to Use Against Satan

(A look at the word “lust”)

Psalm 81:12, “So I gave them up unto their own hearts' **lust**: and they walked in their own counsels.”—We must resist temptation with all our might. It would be terrible if God turned us over to ourselves.

Proverbs 6:25, “**Lust** not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.”—Read the rest of this chapter and see the horrible consequences of this sin. This is obviously one of those places where Satan shows you the bait but hides the hook.

Matthew 5:28, “But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to **lust** after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”—Look at verses 29 and 30 and see what vigorous action our Savior tells us to take to avoid this sin.

Galatians 5:16, “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the **lust** of the flesh.”—Here is the real answer to achieving victory. **Note:** This would be a good study. Just what does it mean in daily life to walk in the Spirit? How can you do this? Be specific.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the **lust** of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God...”

John Gill says on Ver. 5. “Not in the lust of concupiscence, &c.] Or "passion of lust"; for the mere gratifying and indulging of that; for a man so to possess his vessel, is to cherish the sin of concupiscence, the first motions of sin in the heart, by which a man is drawn away, and enticed; to blow up the flame of lust, and to make provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof:”

“concupiscence” is epithumia which means “desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust...”

James 1:14, 15, “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own **lust**, and enticed. Then when **lust** hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

John Gill has some interesting comments on this passage:

Ver. 14. 'But every man is tempted', &c.] To sin, and he falls in with the temptation, and by it, ‘when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed’; the metaphor is taken either from fishes, who are enticed by the bait, and drawn out by the hook; or from a lascivious woman, who meeting with a young man, entices him, and draws him away after her to commit iniquity with her: by “lust” is meant the principle of corrupt nature, which has its residence in the heart of man; is natural and hereditary to him, and therefore is called his own; he is conceived and shapen in it; he brings it into the world with him, and it continues in him, and is called his own heart’s lust, ‘#Ro 1:24’. Now this meeting with some bait, which entices and draws it out, or with some external object, which promises pleasure or profit, a man is allured, and ensnared, and drawn away by it, and so the temptation begins: thus, for instance, covetousness was the predominant lust in Judas; this meeting with an external object, or objects, which promised him profit, he is at once enticed and drawn away to betray his Lord and master for the sake of it: so sin often promises pleasure, though it is but an imaginary, and a short lived one; which takes with a man’s own lust, and corruption within him, and so he is allured and drawn aside; and to this, and not to God, should he attribute temptation to sin.

Ver. 15. 'Then when lust hath conceived', &c.] A proposal of pleasure or profit being made, agreeable to lust, or the principle of corrupt nature, sinful man is pleased with it; and instead of resisting and rejecting the motion made, he admits of it, and receives it, and cherishes it in his mind; he dallies and plays with it; he dwells upon it in his thoughts, and hides it under his tongue, and in his heart, as a sweet morsel, and forsakes it not, but contrives ways and means how to bring it about; and this is lust's conceiving.