

Sermon Outline

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July 5, 2026

“The Struggle for Sexual Purity”
Pastor Corey Kugle

Matthew 5:27-30

Introduction

1. The Common Understanding of Adultery (v. 27)

- A. The command against it in the Old Testament (Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18)

- B. Focused on the physical act, but a very serious sin (Gen. 39:9; Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:23-24)

2. What Jesus Says about Adultery (v. 28)

- A. His authoritative interpretation: adultery goes beyond just the physical act
 - i. Lust betrays one’s exclusive commitment to their spouse

 - ii. Lust dehumanizes people

 - iii. Pornography problem
 - 1. Statistics: 61% of U.S. adults consume pornography, 54% of practicing Christians. 75% of Christian men, 40% of Christian women (*Beyond the Porn Phenomenon – 2024* study by The Barna Group & Pure Desire Ministries)
 - 2. Has no place in the life of a believer (Eph. 5:3)
 - 3. Resources (*see list at end of outline)

B. An eye and heart problem (Job. 31:1; Prov. 4:23,25-27)

3. **How We Fight Against Adultery** (vv. 29-30)

A. Take decisive action against sin

B. The consequence of neglecting to take decisive action

C. Following Christ is costly (Mk. 8:34; Col. 3:5)

Resources to Break Free of Pornography

- Books:
 - *Every Man's Battle* by Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker
 - *Out of the Shadows* by Patrick Carnes
 - *Finally Free* by Heath Lambert
- Websites:
 - ThePurityCoach.com (Steve Etner)
 - PureDesire.org
 - ConquerSeries.com
 - XXXChurch.com

Gospel of Matthew - Summer Daily Reading Plan:

- Hard copies available:
 - In the racks by each door inside the Worship Center
 - For download from Chapel website homepage (TheChapelSJ.com)
- Digital plan available on The Chapel app (TheChapelSJ.com/App)

What's Next?

- July 12: "*Cherishing Marriage*" – Matt. 5:31-32, Pastor Corey Kugle
- July 19: "*The Simple Truth*" – Matt. 5:33-27, Pastor Luke Young