

Asking for a Friend—3

You're Not the Only One Wondering This

“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:28 NIV

... You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. 1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV

Is lust involved?

Is this controlling you?

Is this leading me toward holiness or away from it?

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? ... Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? Romans 2:4 NLT

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21 NIV

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24 NIV

“... You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.” Matthew 23:23 NLT

... “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die ...” John 11:25 NIV

... we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8 NLT

“... today you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:43 NIV

It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. ... ⁴⁴They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. ...

1 Corinthians 15:42, 44 NLT

Don’t make a permanent decision based on a temporary feeling.

Love is patient, love is kind. ... ⁵it is not self-seeking ... it keeps no record of wrongs ... ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV

You act your way toward loving feelings.

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith ... it is the gift of God—⁹not by works ... Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

... should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ²Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Romans 6:1-2 NLT

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers ... ³⁹nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Discuss practical ways you can disagree with someone without dividing? What truths from God's Word can help you respond to disagreements with love, grace, and kindness?

Talk about the difference between grace and truth. Share about a time when someone extended both to you, and what you learned about God's character through that experience.

Read **Romans 2:4**. What area of your life might be pulling you away from holiness instead of toward it? Identify what's keeping you stuck, and share how you'll turn away from this distraction and toward God and His kindness.

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