

Day 2—Verse 5

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1. From Matthew 5:29-30 how serious are we to treat sin in our members?
 - a. What does James 3:6 tell us is the most deadly member of the body?

2. Define sexual immorality (*porneia*).
 - a. From Matthew 15:19 and Mark 7:21-23 where does immortality stem from?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What does this passage teach us about the seriousness of sexual sin?

4. Define impurity (*akatharsia*). How does Matthew 5:28 help you to understand the meaning of this word?

5. Passion (*pathos*) means “a feeling which the mind suffers, an affection of the mind, emotion, passion; passionate desire”. The way it is used in this verse implies that even sinful desires and emotions that we do not choose are to be put to death. How does that differ from how our culture uses the word passion?

6. We are told today that desire is not sinful; only acting on desire is sinful. How does this verse address that issue?

Day 3—Verse 5

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1. This list begins with a list of sexual sins and ends with greed. What is the connection between greed and sexual sin?

2. Define coveting/greed.

a. Why is coveting (greed) so sinful?

b. What do the 10 Commandments tell us about covetousness?

3. Find 2 stories in Scripture about those who had a disastrous end because of their covetousness.

4. Define idolatry.

a. How is coveting (greed) a form of idolatry?

a. Why is it wrong to set idols up in our hearts?

9. Our sin usually has an effect on others. How are others affected by the sins listed here?

Heart check:

- Are you struggling with any of the sins listed here? What needs to change in your life for you to put these sins to death?
- In Colossians 2:13 and Colossians 3:5 Paul gives us the only two states of man: he is either dead in sin or dead to sin. Which state are you in? If you are dead in sin, come to Christ in repentance and faith!

Day 4—Verse 6

*On account of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,
--Colossians 3:6*

1. Why is the wrath of God coming because of these things?

2. What is God's wrath?

3. When is the wrath of God coming?

4. Why do so many professing believers avoid speaking about the wrath of God?

a. What aspect of God's character is on display through His wrath?

b. How does minimizing of God's wrath take away from the glory of the work and person of Jesus Christ?

Heart check:

- Do you look down on others for engaging in these sins? Confess that sin to God and thank him for his mercy to forgive you of your sin.
- How can scripture memory help you put off your sin and put on Christlikeness?

Dig Deeper:

- Do a word study on the words: unclean, covetousness, and idolatry in the Old Testament.
- Further reading on Covetousness: <https://www.chapellibrary.org/search?input=covetousness>
- Further reading on Idolatry: <https://www.chapellibrary.org/search?input=idolatry>