

HFG Questions for
"Radical Purity"
(Matthew 5:27-30)

Read Matthew 5:27-30

1. In verses 27-28, is Jesus saying that adultery of the heart is just as bad as the act of physical adultery? Explain your answer in light of Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22. What IS Jesus' point here?

2. There are a lot of sins which we should work hard to avoid, but there is one sin which we're told to *"flee."* What is it, and what reason are we given for *"fleeing"* (1 Cor. 6:18)?

3. **Principle #1: Guard your eyes.** What kind of "look" is Jesus talking about in verse 28? How can we very practically guard our eyes? There were three suggestions given in Sunday's sermon; can you think of others?

4. **Principle #2: Guard others' eyes.** How can we guard the eyes of our brothers and sisters in Christ, so we don't fall into the group of people addressed in Luke 17:1-2? What can we do to help others fight this battle of sexual purity (1 Tim. 2:9-10)?

5. **Principle #3: Guard your mind.** How can you guard your mind against lustful thoughts (Psa. 1:1-3; 19:7, 9-11; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Phil. 4:8)?

6. **Principle #4: Deal drastically with sin.** Reread verses 29-30. What causes *you* to sin? How can you remove that temptation from your life? What extreme measures could you take NOW, to avoid ever falling into that sin?

7. **Principle #5: Fear God's judgment.** Genuine salvation cannot be lost (John 6:38-39; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:28-30). However, if a person's life is characterized by sexual sin, what do the following passages have to say to that person (Mat. 7:21-23; Luke 12:47-48; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 John 2:3-4)?

8. Is there hope for the believer who has battled this sin (1 Cor. 6:11)?