

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)?
