



Healing from Lustful Behaviors

In the Bible, God has cited three specific areas in which sexual lusts ruin a Christian's life. He also provided us with three powerfully-specific methods for dealing with sexual lusts. Romans contains doctrine to every Christian; 2 Timothy contains leadership admonition; 1 Peter contains guidance for fulfilling an agape lifestyle. The three situations in which believers could find themselves trapped by sexual lusts are (1) completely asleep to the topic of lust, (2) still performing youthful lust-pursuits, and (3) contending with carnal inclinations. If any of these apply to you, the solution is single and entire—walk according to the agape Christian Code of Conduct. Let's begin.

Romans Doctrine:
Thou shalt not lust:
Thou shalt agape:
WAKE UP - NO LUST

(Rom 13:8-11 KJV)
 Owe no man any thing,



but to love [agapao] one another: for he that loveth [agapao] another hath fulfilled the law. {9} For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, **Thou shalt not covet [epithumeo]** ; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love [agapao]** thy neighbour as thyself. {10} Love [agape] worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love [agape] is the fulfilling of the law. {11} And that, knowing the time, that now *it is high*

time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

If you allow lust to reign, you are asleep. You are told that LUST IS NOT PERMITTED in the Christian walk and are specifically instructed to WAKE UP. The great counter to such slumbering and negative activities is to behave according to agape.

Timothy Doctrine: Purify your heart: FLEE YOUTHFUL LUSTS

(2 Tim 2:22 KJV) **Flee [pheugo]** – to run away, shun, vanish, escape] also youthful [neoterikos – appertaining to younger persons] lusts [epithumia]: but follow [dioko – pursue] righteousness, faith, charity [agape], peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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If you seek youthful sexual fulfillment, this applies to you. FLEE juvenile lusts. Do not seek fulfillment in this manner. Rather, pursue agape. Run away from lust and run to live the agape lifestyle.

Peter's Doctrine: ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS - Hold Oneself Off

(1 Pet 2:11 KJV) Dearly beloved [agapetos], I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain** [apechomai] – to hold oneself off] from fleshly lusts [epithumia], which war [strateuomai] – to contend with carnal inclinations] against the soul;

In this foreign land, as an agape-minded Christian, if your soul is at war with carnal inclinations, this applies to you.

At the highest level, to curtail lustful behavior, Christians are commanded to following. In all cases and every situation, behaving according to the agape

Christian Code of Conduct is the solution for repair and rejuvenation.

In Romans:

Wake Up and Behave. If you allow lust to reign, you are asleep. WAKE UP – LUST IS NOT PERMITTED. To wake up, behave according to agape.

In 2 Timothy:

Flee and Pursue. If you seek youthful sexual fulfillment, FLEE YOUTHFUL LUSTS. Pursue agape to purify your heart and begin calling on the Lord. Flee lust; pursue agape.

In 1 Peter:

Abstain and Behave. As an agape-minded believer, if you battle with carnal inclinations, HOLD OFF FROM FLESHLY LUSTS – To stop the war, behave according to agape.

Much Love in Christ!

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