

Satan's Counterfeit to Love

Introduction:

A NEW LIFESTYLE, chapters 4-5

Put Off...

- Pride & self promotion
- Lying
- Stealing
- Anger, bitterness
- Words that tear down
- Immorality

Put On...

- Humility & Serving others
- Unequivocal Truth-Telling
- Serving others generously
- Forgiveness & Yielding "entitlements"
- Words that build others up
- Love

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1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

It is God's will that you should be sanctified; that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God.

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Ephesians 4:1

Live lives worthy of the calling you have received.

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1 Corinthians 7:

*The wife's body belongs to her husband
and his body belongs to his wife.*

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Proverbs 2:16-17

The adulteress...who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God.

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1 Corinthians 6:13, 15-17

"Food for the stomach and the stomach for food" - but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord and the Lord for the body...Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh," but he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

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B. Impurity

C. Greed

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1 Thessalonians 4:6

And that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

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Lie #1 – Immorality can be compatible with love.

Lie #2 – Immorality can be compatible with grace living.

Lie #3 – Immorality can be compatible with God's blessing.

A. The reason...it is IDOLATRY.

B. The result...God's judgment.

Overcoming Immorality from the Inside Out

1. Practice thanksgiving.
2. Renew your mind continually, keep your focus on God.
3. Replace the visuals of your mind.
4. Restrict your contact with sexual temptation.
5. **RUN** in the face of overt temptation.

