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Love is a commitment that demands that you deal with your lust, your greed, your pride, your power, your desire to control, your temper, your patience, and every area of temptation.
Ravi Zacharias
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• Matthew 5:27-28
You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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• New Testament Law #1
Manage Anger!!!

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• New Testament Law #2
Control Lust!!!

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Matthew 5:17-20

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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• Our Need:

- We need to understand HOW Christ controls His people.
- We need to know the laws that govern our lives as His people.

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• Context –

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A reference to Old Testament Law

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• Context –

But I tell you...

A Reference to New Testament Law

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• Concept –

- OT Law was designed to control outward behavior
- NT Law is designed to control inward behavior, beliefs, and attitudes

**Control of the inward will control outward!
That’s God’s grace operational in your life!!!**

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Control Lust!!!

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How to Overcome Lust and Obsession ?

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- Instructions – How to Control Lust?

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- Matthew 5:29-30

If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

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- Instructions – (2 principles to obey)
 - Principle #1 -Take lust seriously –
 - It is better to deal with sin than to experience its consequences
 - Lust fulfilled has devastating impact in my life
 - Sin needs to be dealt with at its root – the heart!

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- Instructions – (2 principles to obey)
 - Principle #2 – Take radical steps to control lust
 - Radical amputation – the willingness to do whatever is needed to control lust

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I Corinthians 6:18

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

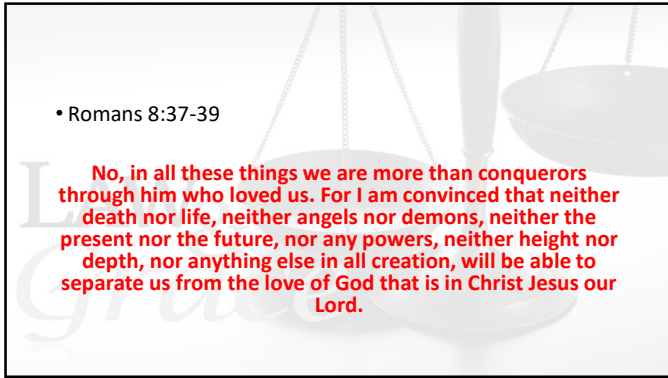
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- Galatians 5:16 - 18

I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

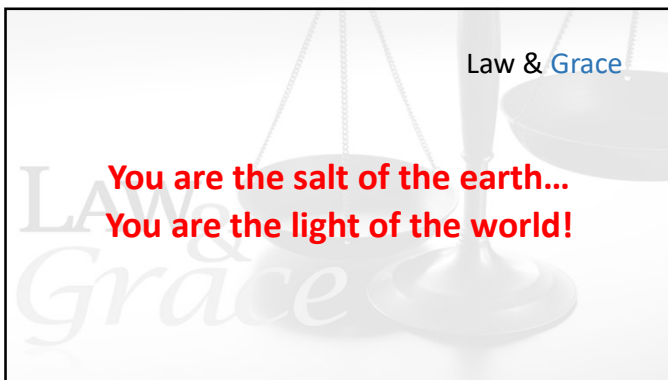
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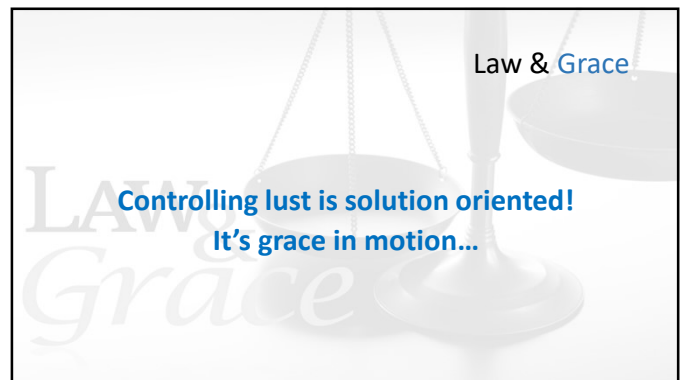
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