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# I. LETTER OF THE LAW—v. 27

## A. PROHIBITION TO ADULTERY

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# SEX IN ITSELF IS NOT EVIL.

In fact, the SEX DRIVE is a NORMAL  
BIOLOGICAL function, which implies that

**SEX IS A GIFT FROM GOD.**



## PROVERBS 5:18-19

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*The Song of Solomon describes the BEAUTY of SEXUAL LOVE in marriage. This book, to some was a shock, so that it was debated as to whether it should be included in the canon of scripture. The Jews could not read this book until they were past their teens.*



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**GOD SHOWS HIS**

**UTTER HATRED OF ADULTERY**

**BY COMMANDING THE DEATH  
PENALTY FOR ADULTERERS.**



# PROVERBS 5

<sup>15</sup>Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well. <sup>16</sup>Should your springs be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets? <sup>17</sup>Let them be yours alone and not for strangers with you.

<sup>20</sup>For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress and embrace the bosom of a foreigner? <sup>21</sup>For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He watches all his paths. <sup>22</sup>His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and he will be held with the cords of his sin. <sup>23</sup>He will die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.



## THE FAULT OF THE PHARISEES

was that they thought that for as long as they DO NOT PHYSICALLY CONSUMMATE ADULTERY, they were fine.



# II. SPIRIT OF THE LAW

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### A. PROHIBITION TO LUST

*Jesus HITS HARD against LUST. This is a HUGE PROBLEM with HUMANITY and man continues to GRAPPLE with this BONDAGE.*

*Media knows that this is man's perennial weakness and they have taken advantage of this to sell their products.*



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**A. PROHIBITION TO LUST**

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JESUS IS SAYING  
A **BAD THOUGHT**  
IS JUST THE SAME  
AS A **BAD DEED.**





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*The phrase “looks on a woman with lust for her” has two schools of interpretation:*

- 1. “LOOKS” from “blepo” is in the present participle - continuous process of looking; NOT INCIDENTAL or INVOLUNTARY glance but of INTENTIONAL and REPEATED GAZING.*
- 2. Another translation would be “make her lust for you”. In other words, this involves FLIRTATION. The point here is: STOP being a FLIRT! We can be flirts by the way we act or dress.*



# GOD'S STANDARD OF HOLINESS

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WE OFTENTIMES JUST  
CONCERN OURSELVES WITH THE  
**LETTER OF THE LAW,**  
NOT KNOWING THAT  
**THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW**  
MUST LIKEWISE BE ADHERED TO.



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