

BIG WORDS IN THE BIBLE

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#6 = CONCUPISCENCE

1 Thessalonians 4:1-5

WHAT IS CONCUPISCENCE?

- Romans 7:8, "But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead."
- Colossians 3:5, "Mortify your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:"
- The Greek word *epithumia* is also translated as *lust* or _____.
- *Concupiscence* = "Evil craving; An inordinate, self-indulgent craving (that displaces proper affections for God); a longing for the _____"
- It means desiring sin or pleasure above everything else, including God. When we willfully, intentionally, and presumptuously choose sin, we are choosing sin over God.
- It means desiring or craving something that is forbidden. There are things you are not supposed to have and things you are not supposed to _____. (Exodus 20:17)

WHAT TO DO WITH CONCUPISCENCE

1. Your lust has to be _____. (Col. 3:5)

- a. We are told to put this lust for forbidden things to death in our lives.
- b. How do you put sin to death? You _____ it.
- c. You do not feed your lust or else it just comes back stronger. (Psalm 101:3; 2 Peter 2:8)

2. Your body has to be _____. (1 Thes. 4:4)

- a. V. 4 = *...possess his vessel...* = "Control his own body"
- b. _____ is absolutely necessary for victory.
- c. V. 5 = Control yourself so that you are not acting like unsaved people.
- d. It is understandable for lost people to act like lost people. It is less understandable for _____ people to act like lost people.

3. Your mind has to be _____. (Romans 12:2)

- a. Matthew 5:28, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."
- b. Jesus did not just go right to addressing the outward sin. He started by addressing the _____ because that is where the outward sins start.
- c. How do we cleanse and renew our minds? (John 15:3; Psalm 119:9; Philippians 4:8)
- d. We cleanse it through the _____ and we _____ our thoughts to other things.

4. You must accept your _____. (1 Thes. 4:7)

- a. We are called to holiness.
- b. *Holiness* = "Sanctification; the act of becoming more personally dedicated to God; especially by becoming more distinct, devoted, or morally pure"
- c. God is calling us to live a holy life, not a dirty life.
- d. The fact that the world is full of dirty things is not _____ for us living a dirty life.

Are there some evil desires in your heart?

What needs to be killed? What needs to be removed and _____?