



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Doing Battle Against Sexual Sin

Matthew 5:29–30



Matthew 5:27–30

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.”



1 Peter 2:11

Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul.



1. Early recognition (5:29–30)

²⁹ If your right eye **causes** you to sin...

³⁰ And if your right hand **causes** you to sin...



James 1:14–15

¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



Proverbs 20:5

The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water,
but a man of understanding will draw it out.



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- Motives are our driving desires that aim, decide, and act. Our motives and desires are always morally loaded.



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1. Boredom	sin as my <u>excitement</u>
2. Loneliness	sin as my <u>company</u>
3. Stress	sin as my <u>relief</u>
4. Frustration	sin as my <u>peace</u>
5. Fatigue	sin as my <u>rest</u>



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6. Hurt	sin as my <u>refuge</u>
7. Betrayal	sin as my <u>revenge</u>
8. Bitterness	sin as my <u>justice</u>
9. Opportunity	sin as my <u>pleasure</u>
10. Rejection	sin as my <u>comfort</u>



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11. Failure	sin as my <u>success</u>
12. Success	sin as my <u>reward</u>
13. Entitlement	sin as my <u>right</u>
14. Desire to please	sin as my <u>affirmation</u>
15. Time of day	sin as my <u>pacifier</u>



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16. Location	sin as my <u>escape</u>
17. Accusation	sin as my <u>silencer</u>
18. Attention	sin as my <u>magnet</u>
19. Weakness	sin as my <u>power</u>
20. Desire	sin as my <u>satisfaction</u>



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1. **Boredom:** sin as my excitement
2. **Loneliness:** sin as my company
3. **Stress:** sin as my relief
4. **Frustration:** sin as my peace
5. **Fatigue:** sin as my rest
6. **Hurt:** sin as my refuge
7. **Betrayal:** sin as my revenge
8. **Bitterness:** sin as my justice
9. **Opportunity:** sin as my pleasure
10. **Rejection:** sin as my comfort
11. **Failure:** sin as my success
12. **Success:** sin as my reward
13. **Entitlement:** sin as my right
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2. Radical amputation (5:29–30)

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Mark 9:43–48

⁴³ “And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”



1 John 2:3–4

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him...



1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.



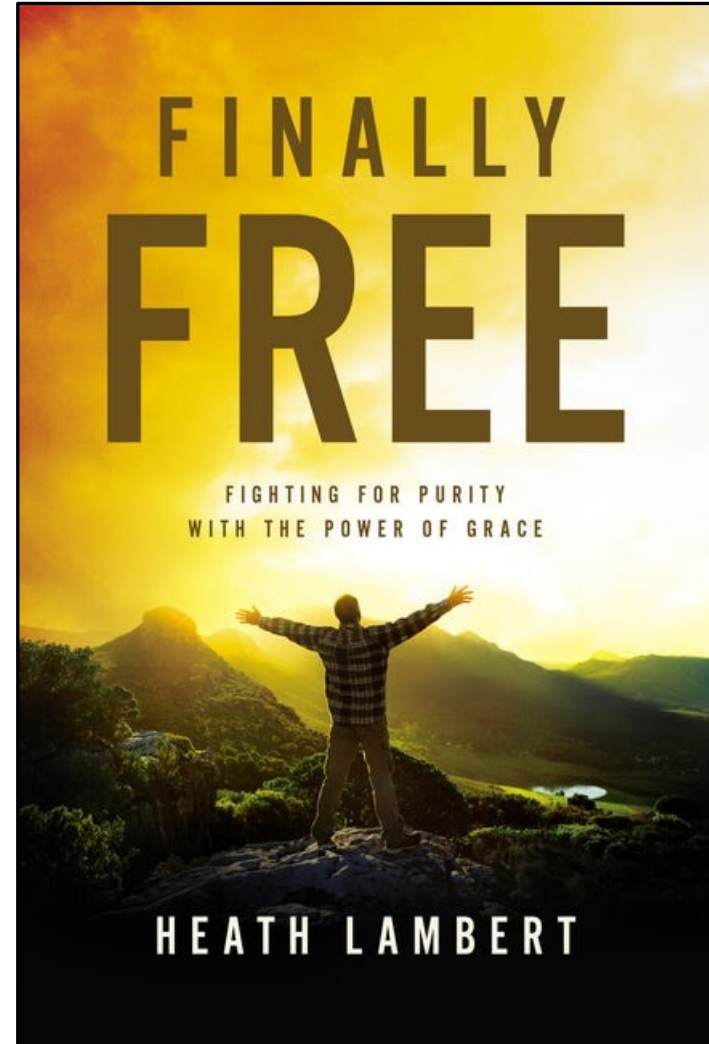
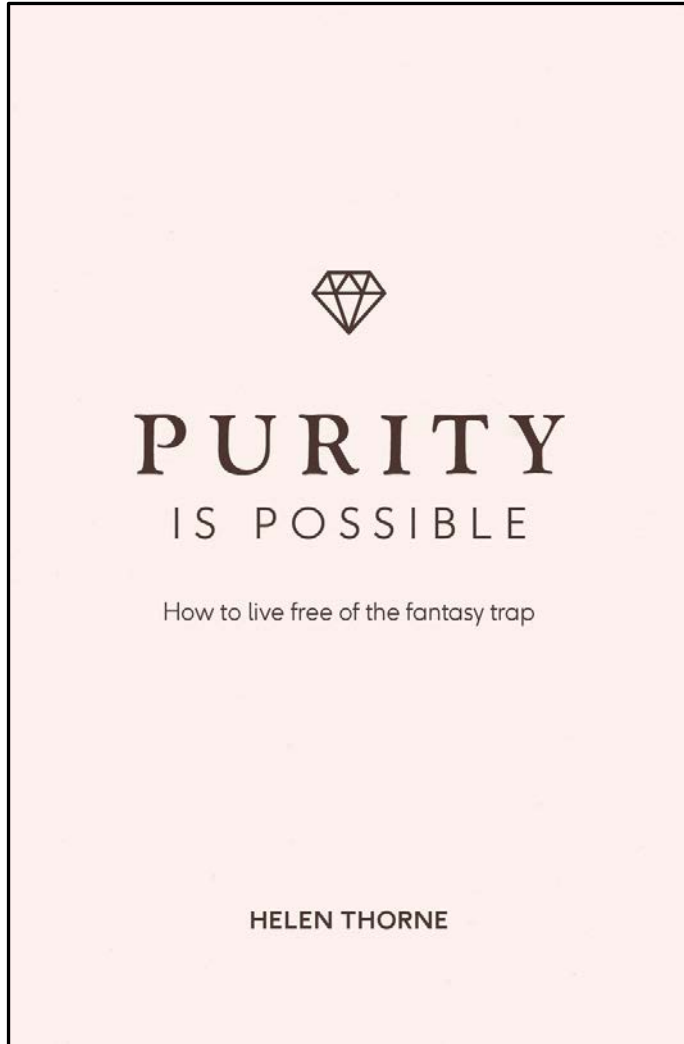
1 John 3:6

No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.



1 John 3:9

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.





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