LUST

Daily Meditation - Friday October 17, 2025

Lust is the culprit of all sin. The Bible says, "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death" (Jas. 1:14-15). ¹

Let us look at that verse in the Amplified Bible. It reads, "But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death" (Jas. 1:14-15 AMPC).

It says, "Drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions)." This is the problem with mankind.

This aforementioned lust takes on various forms. The Bible says, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 Jn. 2:16).

When an individual is born-again they become a new creation and they are able to discern God's Word and spiritual things. As they mature in Christ, they develop an altruistic lifestyle sharing the gospel of Christ.

The Bible says, "In reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth" (Eph. 4:22-24).

We are called to walk according to the spirit. The Bible says, "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8 / Eph. 4:17-24

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!

¹ All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.