1Thess #70

Lust patterns become enflamed then a Believer steps away from God.

Let us open back up in our study of 1Thessalonians chapter four.

We will read thru the first 7 verses to get us back on track and focused for today’s message.

1Thes 4:1 Finally then, brothers *and sisters,* we request and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received *instruction* from us as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel *even* more.

We did a study on walking in our new nature and pleasing God, which is growing toward maturity so we can glorify God in the angelic conflict.

[1Th 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/2/s_1115002) For you know what instructions we gave you by *the authority of* the Lord Jesus.

[1Th 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/3/s_1115003) For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is,* that you abstain from sexual immorality;

It is a strong statement to stop…halt, any behaviors outside of Christian marriage.

The Greek word – *porneia,* is sexual immorality, with a definitive meaning of any sexual behaviors outside of the marriage bedroom.

This can include husbands and wives who engage in bizarre behaviors beyond what God had ordained for a husband and wife to enjoy.

This Greek term covered many aspects of sexual perversions and alternative lifestyles. We did an in-depth study on sexual immorality in recent lessons.

[1Th 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/4/s_1115004) that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

To possess your own vessel speaks to your mind, body and soul which every person is responsible for before and after salvation.

We also did a study on sanctification, having an emphasis on experiential sanctification which is our temporal walk right now, in time.

/[1Th 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/5/s_1115005) **not in lustful passion**, like the Gentiles who do not know God;\

[1Th 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/6/s_1115006) *and* that no one violate the rights and take advantage of his brother *or sister* in the matter, because the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also told you previously and solemnly warned *you.*

[1Th 4:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/7/s_1115007) For God has not called us for impurity, but in sanctification.

/1Thes 4:5 not in **lustful passions**, *epithymia*  *pathos –* erotic desires, longing in body and mind, weakness in a forbidden area. Passion can be deemed good or bad depending upon direction.\

EPI-THO-ME-AH, PATH-US - these two words together point to the lust patterns within the OSN.

Interestingly enough, a normal appetite and passions for sex or fulfillment are God given and designed for one man and one woman in marriage.

These two words in conjunction like this speak to a loss of self-control and a portion of the OSN where patterns are developed.

The reason the Apostle Paul is pointing to the Gentiles, is because he is speaking about Unbels. Those who followed false gods and sexual idols in the Greek and Roman cultures.

/Gen 3:16 To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply Your pain
in childbirth, In pain you shall deliver children; Yet **your desire** (*tᵊšûqâ)***will be for your husband,**And he shall rule over you.”

This points to a strong desire yet not to the point of overwhelming lust.\

TAH-SHUKA, is a natural, yet strong desire. It is a passion or longing that does not drive you crazy, but does drive you to respond to your emotions or seek fulfillment.

/There becomes a fine line between a desire to be fulfilled or a longing for something or someone and the crossing of that line into lustful passions. The Hebrew (feminine) noun - *tᵊšûqâ,* is used 3x in the OT, it is a response designed by God but if it is neglected or mistreated outside the plan of God it is the opening of lust patterns in the OSN.

Gen 3:16, Gen 4:7, Song Sol 7:10 \

Remember emotions are healthy for responding and enjoyment not decision- making skills and day to day thinking.

It is very interesting, because this means that which God created is sometimes delicate enough that abuse or neglect of that creation, steps over into the realm of sin and evil.

This explains why some people get involved in bizarre sexual appetites and alternative lifestyle choices.

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/Gen 4:7 “If you do well, will *your face* not be cheerful? And if you do not do well, **sin is lurking at the door; and its desire is for you**, but you must master it.”

Cain was deeply attached to his emotions and arrogance. Therefore, he had strong desires that got out of control, he committed the first murder of human history. (Criminal insanity).\

Jump over to Romans chapter one RF.

Then in Song of Solomon we see the proper context of desire as it was given in Gen 3:16;

/Sng 7:10 “I am my beloved’s,
And **his desire is for me**. 11“Come, my beloved, let’s go out to the country,
**Let’s spend the night in the villages**.

This points to romance or passion between right man and right woman. \

When we exchange that which God created and graciously gave us for a counterfeit, it is a short journey over into sin and then evil which points to a lifestyle.

What Cain did is reject the truth of BD – he rejected the Lord and savior Jesus Christ and stood on his own merits with his own power and the OSN in control.

/Rom 1:25 For **they exchanged the truth of God for falsehood**, and worshiped and **served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever. Amen.

This is a Cain mentality. What the serpent offered in the garden, was a chance to be like God, little gods of self.\

[Rom 1:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/1/26/s_1047026) For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged natural relations for that which is contrary to nature,

[Rom 1:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/1/27/s_1047027) and likewise the men, too, abandoned natural relations with women and burned in their desire toward one another, males with males committing shameful acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

The key terminology here, is *burned in their desire* – which points to emotion out of control. Emotions left to become the leader or dominant force of the soul structure.

/Desire is a Greek feminine noun – *orexis,* an eager appetite or longing in the negative or positive.

To burn – is the Greek verb – *ekkaiō,* to cause a fire, to kindle or build into flames.\

OUR-EXSIS, this is a healthy, good desire or longing but it can be used in a negative sense as well.

AH-KIEYE-O, means to inflame.

This immediately puts that word – desire, into a negative direction.

This points to the action of building a fire - the responsibility of the flames was a choice.

/[Rom 1:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/1/28/s_1047028) And **just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a depraved mind**, to do those things that are not proper,

The same way that God allowed Cain to act out in criminal insanity, is the same way God deals with those who reject the truth of Christ.\

You can go over to 2 Timothy chapter 3.

God is always the perfect gentleman and HE will step back when you kick hard enough against HIS plan.

The closer we race toward the end times the more lust patterns within the OSN of the majority will be set on fire.

Those who oppose TLJC and even Bels who reject spiritual growth from BD, will struggle with this, as we get closer to the Rapture of the church.

/Two of the most apparent lust patterns becoming visible every day in recent years are pleasure lust and power (approbation) lust. The trends of legalism or antinomianism are within every OSN, these trends often help feed OSN lust patterns. Self-righteousness and self- importance feed the lust of power or approbation. While immoral lust patterns develop from trends of antinomianism. \

We will close out today going down the list of lust patterns we all struggle with in our flesh. Some people have very little struggles in one area and another person has extreme problems in that exact same area.

We all have different trends and lust patterns.

You never walked in another person’s shoes. So please, never look down your nose on someone else’s weakness and struggles.

/Your OSN has trends and lust patterns which develop from childhood, environment, negative decisions and family traits as well as family genes. Trends often feed lust patterns as the cosmic system enflames lust patterns and encourages trends. It becomes a vicious cycle destined for consistent repetition when Christ is not active in our life. \

2Tim 3:2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

[2Ti 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/3/3/s_1128003) unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,

/[2Ti 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/3/4/s_1128004) treacherous, reckless, conceited, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers  of God**,

This can include Bels and Unbels, pleasure lust which is a lust of arrogance related to narcissism has grown in leaps and bounds in the past 50 years. \

[2Ti 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/3/5/s_1128005) holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid *such people as* these.

Holding to a form of godliness means they speak about Christianity, yet they do not know how to be filled by God the HS.

They do not apply BD to their life.

It can cover Unbels who speak about spirituality and Christ. Or, even Bels who lack integrity and have never grown past the salvation gate.

/Lust patterns of – power (approbation), pleasure, sexual (perversions), chemical or alcoholic lust patterns are very common and obvious. Yet Lust of money or greed, criminal lust and revenge lust are also very prevalent within mankind. There are also lust patterns not recognized like social lust (a need to be the life of the party - popularity), as well as crusader lust (desire to be a savior or a rebel against authority). \

Crusader lust can be well hidden behind agendas that appear to be helping others or doing something for the greater good.

Protests that turn into mob mentality usually starts out with a handful of leaders who have crusader lust.

Social lust is the person who is a people pleaser and wants to be knee deep in the cosmic system – they need attention and they are the ones who go with the crowd.

/Any form of lust will start out as a distraction for the Bel but it eventually turns into a brutal detriment in their life. Lust can divorce anyone (Bel or Unbel) from reality and lead to horrible decisions that have lasting ripple effects for not only the perpetrator but those within their periphery. Personality changes, skewed norms and standards and addictions develop that often take years to reverse.\

One great example of how lust damages the Bel is seen in the teaching to Timothy from the Apostle Paul.

Timothy was being trained to be a church leader – a pastor-teacher.

/1Tim 6:10 **For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it** have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But **flee from these things, you man of God**, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, *and* gentleness.\

That word money can be replaced with anything…sex, alcohol, power or popularity, any number of things could replace the word money and the lesson remains the same!

The Amplified Bible gives a nice view with greater definition in relation to the original context of these scriptures;

/AMP – 1Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray, and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute (mental) pangs. 11 But as for you, O man of God, flee from these things; aim at and pursue righteousness – that is, right standing with God and true goodness; godliness (which is the loving fear of God and Christlikeness), faith, love, steadfastness, (patience) and gentleheartedness. \

It is when the Bel rejects BD…when the Bel has no respect for the LORD that lust patterns will surface and begin to take over in the Bel’s life.

/Prov 8:13 “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride, arrogance, the evil way,
And the perverted mouth, I hate. 14 “Advice is mine and sound wisdom;
I am understanding, power is mine.\

When the Apostle Paul wrote 1Thess 4:5 he was being specific as to warn those Bels…all BELS, not to go back into the slave market of sin;

/[1Th 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/5/s_1115005) **not in lustful passion**, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

A sanctified walk in this temporal life will separate the Bel from the Unbel in the visual sense. It will push the Bel further from cosmic viewpoint, therefore they can never be mistakenly identified with Satan’s system.\