



## *Essential Evangelization*

### **Lurking Lust**

Did you know that the number one sin confessed by men is lust? In today's Gospel message we hear Jesus warn that even if a man looks lustfully at another woman he has committed adultery in his heart. With today's Internet, access to pornographic material is very abundant and temptation is unfortunately only one click away. Recent statistics indicate that 50% of Christian men are hooked on Internet pornography and almost 20% of women are also addicted. Pornography's \$15 billion dollar plus industry is bigger than the NFL, NBA and Major League Baseball combined. Pornography was also found to be a significant factor in 2 out of 3 divorces - unfortunately ruining homes.

*"Lust is no respecter of persons....its alluring voice can infiltrate the most intelligent mind and cause its victim to believe its lies and respond to its appeal. And beware - it never gives up....it never runs out of ideas. Bolt your front door and it'll rattle at the bedroom window, crawl into the living room through the TV screen, or wink at you out of a magazine in the den...."*

*Lust is persistent. If it's knocked at your door once, it'll knock again. And again. You are safe just as long as you draw upon your Savior's strength. Try to handle it yourself and you'll lose - every time. This is why we are warned again and again in the New Testament to flee sexual temptations. Remember, lust is committed to wage war against your soul - in a life and death struggle - in hand-to-hand combat. Don't stand before this mortal enemy and argue and fight in your own strength - run for cover... If you get yourself into a situation that leaves you defenseless and weak, if your door is left even slightly ajar, you may be sure that this ancient enemy will kick it open with six-guns blazing. So don't leave it open. Don't give lust a foothold - or even a toehold."*

*Chuck Swindoll*

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matt 5: 8*

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