



## The Lure of Lust

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When the Game is [Just a Game](#)

Enticement, desire, the lure of cheese. It's just a game so have fun!

When the Game Becomes Our [Life](#) (Defining Lust)

Matthew 5:27-28

*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

**It is a sensual sin in the heart that seems like a safe replacement for actions of sensual sin.**

**Job 31:1**

**"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman."**

**Children of Lust**

- Blindness of mind
- Lack of consideration for others
- Love of the world

**When the Game Becomes Our Life (Describing Lust)**

1 John 2:16

*For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

**Lust is a sin that uses our eyes, engages our heart, invites our body, and damages our soul. (Even when our body is not engaged)**

Proverbs 7:6-9

*At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice. 7 I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who had no sense. 8 He was going down the*

*street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house 9 at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.*

### **Unveiling the [Game Master](#) (His goal is to steal, kill, and destroy)**

Proverbs 7:10-21

*Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent. 11 (She is unruly and defiant, her feet never stay at home; 12 now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.) 13 She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: 14 "Today I fulfilled my vows, and I have food from my fellowship offering at home. 15 So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you! 16 I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. 18 Come, let's drink deeply of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love! 19 My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. 20 He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon."*

Proverbs 7:21-23

*With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. 22 All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose 23 till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.*

### **The Only Way to Win this Game is [Not to Play!](#)**

Proverbs 7:24-27

*Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say. 25 Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. 26 Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. 27 Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.*

### **A Better Way to [Live](#) (Virtues and tactics; how to put the game back in the box)**

#### **Virtues and Tactics:**

- **Idea 1- Listen to wisdom**
- **Idea 2- Guard your heart**
- **Idea 3- Consider the cost**
- **Idea 4- Run from death!**
- **Idea 5- Celebrate and Grow in Purity**

***What is my next step away from the dangerous sin of lust?***

***What is my next move into a life of holiness and self-control?***