

THE RING OF FIRE
MATTHEW 5:27-30
5-26-24

KEY THOUGHT: Righteousness in the Kingdom determines how you control your sexual desires.

I. ADULTERY REFLECTS AN UNCONTROLLED HEART OF LUST-(27-28)-*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

II. THE LUST OF THE HEART MUST BE CONTROLLED IN THREE WAYS-(29-30)-*“If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away . . .”*

A. You Must Deal with Lust in an Urgent Way-(29-30a)-*“causes you to stumble”*

B. You Must Deal with Lust in Practical Ways-(29-30a)-*“gouge it out and throw it away” “and if your right hand causes you to stumble cut it off”*

C. You Must Deal With Lust in a Sober Way-(30b)-*“It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”*