

# Treasure Hunt

- What was wrong about the tradition's quotation of the Seventh Commandment?
- What commandment showed Paul, a righteous Pharisee, that he was a sinner?
- Where does sin come from?
- What can we do to keep from falling into sin?
- Can you give an example of somebody in the Bible who obeyed this principle? Of somebody who did not?

# The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
<b>Consequences</b> →	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
<b>Conduct</b> →	Toward Man	5:20-48 It was said ... but I say	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites	6:19-34

# The Structure of 5:21-48

## The Manward Contrasts

	21 Murder	27 Adultery	31 Divorce	33 Oaths	38 Revenge	43 Love
Ye have heard that	x	x		x	x	x
<b>it was said</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
to them of old time	x			x		

- “it was said” → The Oral Law (Jewish tradition)
- “it is written” → The Written Law (the OT)

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5:27 “Thou shalt not commit adultery” = Exod 20:14 (#7)

Lust ← επιθυμew ← (LXX) τηη → Covet

Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not **covet** thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not **covet** thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's. (#10)

# Paul's Experience as a Righteous Pharisee

Phi 3:4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; **touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.**

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for **I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.** 8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. 9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. 12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. 13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

# whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already **in his heart**

1Sa 16:7 man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh **on the heart**.

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid **in mine heart**, that I might not sin against thee.

Pro 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine **heart**. 22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy **heart** with all diligence [above all keeping]; for out of it *are* the issues of life. 24 Put away from thee a froward **mouth**, and perverse **lips** put far from thee. 25 Let thine **eyes** look right on, and let thine **eyelids** look straight before thee. 26 Ponder the path of thy **feet**, and let all thy ways be established. 27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy **foot** from evil.

Mat 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth **come forth from the heart**; and they defile the man. 19 For **out of the heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

# 5:29, 30 “if thy {eye, hand} offend thee...”

Self-mutilation?

- Need to remove *both* eyes
- The source of the problem is the heart

The principle:

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Job 31:1 I made a covenant with mine **eyes**; why then should I **think** upon a maid?

Aterburn and Stoeker, *Every Man's Battle* (Water Brook, 2000): “bouncing reflex”

# Some (counter-)examples

## Balaam:

Num 22:12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they *are* blessed. 13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

Num 22:19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

Rev 2:14 thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

## David:

2Sa 11:2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon....

## Joseph:

Gen 39:12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.