

Barriers to Marriage  
Matthew 5:27 – 32  
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**Main Idea:** Last and divorce destroy marriage.

**Introduction**

We live in a world where love and lust are considered synonyms. People are more apt to follow their emotions than stick to commitments they make. We are surrounded by movies and literature that stress following one's heart rather than sticking to the commitments you make. Jesus had a lot to say about lust and infatuation and how they affect marriage. Marriage is falling apart in the court of public opinion and we'll take a look today at what Jesus said about lust.

The second example we have of Jesus fulfilling the law is when he takes the commandment about adultery and expands the spirit of the law. We have seen that the Pharisees sought to make the meaning of the law so literal that it was easy to say you fulfilled it. The Jesus makes it much harder when he internalizes the idea of adultery not just from what can be seen in an outer acts but what can be seen in a person's heart. This comes down to lust and infatuation and these are usually behind the action of divorce.

**Matthew 5:27–28**

**27** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- I.** Jesus ties adultery to lust.
  - A Adultery is not just an outer offense.
  - B Lust starts in the heart.

**Matthew 5:29-30**

**29** If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

- II.** God cares about your destiny.
  - A Your body carries out sin..
  - B Your soul is the birthplace of sin.

**Matthew 5:31-32**

**31** “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ **32**  
But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**III.** Unlawful divorce is a form of adultery.

A Divorce is a condition of the human heart.

B Divorce forces the spells to commit adultery.

**Conclusion**

Jesus was extremely clear that lust is the issue rather than adultery you can see over catch people in. Lust also is one of the major forces behind divorce. Moses allowed divorce because of the sin in human hearts. God is the one who instituted marriage and he hates divorce and adultery because they destroy the pure thing that he made. More than that, lust destroy us human relationships and our relationship with God. It causes separations in intimate relationships that are the fabric of marriage.