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ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 5-7

# **RADICAL PURITY AND DEVOTION**

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# Matthew 5:27-32

**The Kingdom of God  
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# I. The Context Jesus Addresses

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- The 'Real' teaching of Moses contrasted with the misinterpretations of the Pharisees

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1. The outward manifestation flows from what is within.
2. What Jesus is NOT saying.

# 3. What Jesus IS saying.

**“The realization of this ought to deliver us from all judgmentalism and pious condescension toward those who have fallen to adultery. And it should instill within us a poverty of spirit and a humility that**

**realizes we are spiritually  
bankrupt and makes us  
amazed that God loves us  
as he does.”**

**~ R. Kent Hughes  
*The Sermon on the Mount, pg. 111***

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2. Even things of great value should be given up if they lead us to sin.



3. Temptation is not the problem; not resisting the temptation is.

**“We cannot keep birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from building nests in our hair.”**

**~ Martin Luther**

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# III. Radical Devotion

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A. Divorce Permitted to  
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B. A Wandering Eye and Mind is the Pathway to Divorce

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2. Divorce is a consequence of discontentment.

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1. Fight for it!

**“The world we live in needs to see a church that is so satisfied in Christ that its marriages are not abandoned for something as amorphous as “emotional neglect.” The deepest meaning of marriage is to display the**

**covenant-keeping faithfulness  
of Christ and his church  
(Ephesians 5:25). And Christ  
will *never* divorce his wife and  
take another.”**

**~ John Piper  
*Tragically Widening the Grounds of  
Legitimate Divorce, article***

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3. Recount the faithfulness of God to you, and share that with your spouse!

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# IV. Responding To This Radical Call

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- A. People who have committed physical adultery/fornication or are on the path.



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B. Not physical acts but a wondering eye and mind.

# C. Desertion of a spouse.

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- D. Who and what do we treasure the most? Isn't this ultimately about loving and being satisfied in Jesus?

