

Lesson #2

LUST TRENDS OF THE OSN

The requested bible study that we are presently studying is "Beating Addiction the Biblical Way" in this Series called "Winning on Two Fronts".

In order to beat addiction, it is important to understand how the OSN (the old sin-nature) works in conjunction with evil thinking (cosmos diabolicus) in life.

Last week we studied the Lust of the Flesh (OSN). The following is a review of the lesson.

- Every person has an OSN because of AOS (Adam's original sin) (Rom.5:12).
- The OSN resides in the flesh of every person, from birth until death (1 John 1:8-10).
- The OSN produces all sorts of lust trends in us (2 Pet.2:18; Gal.5:16, 19-21).
- The OSN lust is not sin until you volitionally act to gratify it (James 1:14-15).
- Lust gratification attached to cosmos diabolicus (CD) leads to addictive depravity. (Rom.6:12-14; Mark 7:18-23).

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| In the lesson we will study FIVE aspects of the Lust Trends of the OSN. |
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- 1. Every OSN has lust trends as a result of embracing the life style of the world (1 John 2:14-17; 2 Cor.4:4). Note the connection between the flesh, the mind, and the Holy Spirit.**

After reading Eph.2:2-3, fill in the missing words – *“Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of the flesh, indulging the _____ and of _____, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”* (John 3:36)

After reading Rom.8:4-8, write on the blank line the contrast between the flesh and the Spirit in the following verse.

8:4 _____
8:5 _____
8:6 _____

“Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” (8:7-8)

- 2. When the mind become obsessed with certain categories of lusts of the flesh, we refer to that as LUST TRENDS OF OSN (Rom.12:2; Eph.4:22-24; 1 Pet.1:13-16).**

There are five general LUST TRENDS OF OSN that we will discuss tonight (Heb.12:1).

- **Body lust trend:** fornication, food, drugs (Amnon – 2 Sam.13).
- **Materialism lust trend:** love of money; pleasures of life (Ananias – Acts 5; 1 Tim.6:7-10; Luke 17:32- Lot's wife).
- **Power lust trend:** domination; bully; manipulation (King Saul – 1 Sam.16:14; 18:6-12; 22:6-19).
- **Ego lust trend:** pride/ arrogance; “me” syndrome; self-absorbed. (Peter – Matt.16:21-23; 26:31-35, 69-75; 1 Sam.25:20-38/ Nabal, Abigail, and David).
- **Approbation lust trend:** praise/ flattery; self-recognition for self worth; please others. (Gen.4:1-7; 1 John 3:12; Matt.19:16-30; Rom.8:8; 2 Cor.5:7-9; Heb.11:6; 1 Thess.4:1-8).

3. Lust trends of OSN operate under these two general areas: asceticism or lasciviousness

(Luke 15:11-32).

- **Asceticism** is an attempt to restrain the activity of the lust trend of the OSN. It is the primary doctrine of the legalistic religion. It operates under the principle of starve the OSN and it will die. But actually it is diverted to another more accepted OSN lust trend (RYR of Matt.19:16-30).
- **Lasciviousness** is the unrestrained activity of the lust trend of the OSN. It is normally irreligious. It operates under the principle of feed the OSN and be happy today (Luke 12:19; Phil.1: 21).

Beware: Lascivious person gets saved and joins a legalistic church (works program for spirituality). He is praised for stop drinking and drunkenness. He starts eating and engages in gluttony but is praised because he stays active in the programs of the church. Do you see body lust trend connected to cosmos diabolicus old man thinking? (Mark 7:20-23; Matt.23/ note the 7 woes of legalism)

“Therefore rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (1 Pet.2:1-2) (Eph.4:23; Rom.12:2; Heb.4:12).

4. There are two sources in the world for developing beliefs systems. (Prov.23:7; James 3:13-18; 1:13).

Satan is the source of the cosmos diabolicus thinking (evil) belief system.

(Eph.6:11-16; 1 John 3:8,13).

- Evil became an issue in the world with the fall of Adam (Gen.2:17; 3:22).
- Evil distorts the truth of God’s word regarding divine good.
- Evil solicits man to sin against God.

When you study the fall of Adam and Eve, you discover that the only change in the Garden of Eden was their BELIEF or thinking regarding the truth of God’s word. This was also true of the Antediluvian civilization of Noah’s day (Gen.6:5; 8:21).

God is the source of divine viewpoint thinking. (Heb.5:14; Eph.6:11-16; Gen.50:20; James 1:21; 1 Cor.14:20; John 17:15-17; Rom.16:19; 3 John 11).

Human heart is the seat for both CD and DV (Mark 7:20-23; 1 Cor.10:6; Col.3:5; Eccl.9:3; Prov.12:20; Psa.119:101; 1 Thess.5:22; Rom.12:9; Eccl.8:8; Jer.17:9).

5. Cosmos diabolicus (CD) develops the lust trends of the old man belief systems (Eph.4:22-24; Col.3:5-11; Matt.13:38-39).

A believer can think and do evil things based on CD of the old man belief system (Matt.16:21-23; Eph.4:27; James 4:7-8; 1 Pet.5:8-9).

6. The following are FIVE examples of cosmos diabolicus evil thinking (2 Tim.4:18; 1 John 4:4).

- Tempts lack of self-control (1 Cor.7:5)
- Deceived (1 Tim.2:14; 2 Cor.11:3)
- Do the desires of the devil (murderer, nature to lie, liar) (John 8:44) (1 John 3:12/ Cain)
- Takes captive to do his will (2 Tim.2:26)
- Depraved life style (Rom.1:28-31; 2 Tim.3:8; 4:3-4)