

Power Struggle for the Soul: Volition Determines Who Wins

Lust:

(1) Hebrew: *HAMAD*; (2) Greek: *epithumia*:

An inordinate, unrestrained, and selfish desire accompanied by an intense passion to possess something.

- a. **Power lust:** To dominate one's environment. A desire to control others. If unable to control, then to manipulate. If unable to manipulate, then to influence. If unable to influence, then to undermine.
- b. **Approbation lust:** The ego trip of self-righteous arrogance or licentious lawlessness.
- c. **Social & Sexual lust:** Self-righteous legalism seeks to regulate the lifestyle of other believers while licentiousness seeks to center one's social life around sexual conquests.
- d. **Criminal lust:** Connected with monetary lust and results in illegal monetary gain. Characterized by the attitude that all things belong to him and may be taken from others as needed.
- e. **Monetary lust:** An inordinate desire for money with only an expedient regard for propriety, ethics, morality, or legal restraints.
- f. **Inordinate ambition resulting in inordinate competition:** The lust to excel at the expense of others. Results in the persecution of grace believers who are content in whatever circumstance they happen to be.
- g. **Crusader lust:** Self-righteous desire to dominate government through political and social activism. Ultimately destroys the distinction between church and state.
- h. **Revenge lust:** Caused by frustration toward others in the futile fulfillment of other lust patterns. Blame for failure is projected and guilt assigned to others and retribution sought.
- i. **Chemical lust:** Results from frustration caused by rejection or failure, and therefore, seeks to compensate by becoming heavily involved in alcohol or drugs. An indirect expression of self-hatred.
- j. **Pleasure lust:** The licentious believer gets involved in hedonism in order to promote and gratify his sexual or chemical lust, or both. The self-righteous gets involved in acts of human good in order to feel better about himself.

When the believer betrays her second Husband by returning for a tryst with her first, she is classified as an adulteress. This is what Ezekiel referred to when he accused reversionistic Jews of having “*gone a whoring after the heathen.*” (Ezekiel 23:30)

Volition is the guilty party here. The power of the sinful nature over the soul was broken at the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Retroactive positional truth identified the believer's body with that of Jesus Christ, immersing him into his spiritual death, physical death, and burial. As a result, his sinful nature's power was broken. Divorce from the first husband became a physical reality.

In unbeliever status, the person's entire life was dominated by the sinful nature's tyrannical control over the brain's neurons. Having free and unlimited access to the believer's thought processes, the sinful nature sought to fulfill its every desire, be it sin, human good, or evil, every trend, be it ascetic or licentious, and every lust pattern. But current positional truth resulted in the person becoming a new spiritual species with capabilities and powers unknown to the life of the unbeliever.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if any man is in Christ [baptism of the Holy Spirit with emphasis on current positional truth], he is a new spiritual species; the old things have passed away [death of the sinful nature under retroactive positional truth and resultant freedom from its domination of the person's life]; behold, new things have come [imputation of divine operating assets including the creation of a human spirit, the mentorship of the Holy Spirit, the divine power system, GAP, and problem-solving devices].

As a new spiritual species, she has the necessary attributes to walk in newness of life.