



**GULF SHORES**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

*WEDNESDAY EVENING SERMON*

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# **TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING**

## **Lust**

Introduction: We are studying a series on TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING. We seek to recognize the things that happen when we DON'T give God our best. What gets in our way? What things can cripple our own spirituality along with those around us? We need to recognize these enemies and defeat them before they become toxic. In this lesson we will talk about the dangers of lust. Lust is defined as an intense desire, appetite, covetousness or eagerness. Why should we avoid lust? Let's study together...

Discussion:

### **I. Biblical Principles**

- A. Lust can entrench you (**Proverbs 6:20-29**).
- B. Lust can extinguish you (**Proverbs 6:30-35**).
- C. Lust can enable you (**Proverbs 7:1-9**).
- D. Lust can embarrass you (**Proverbs 7:10-20**).
- E. Lust can entrap you (**Proverbs 7:21-23**).

### **II. Biblical Examples**

- A. Potiphar's Wife (**Genesis 39:6-13**)
- B. Samson (**Judges 13-16**)
- C. David & Bathsheba (**I Samuel 11-12**)
- D. Amnon & Tamar (**II Samuel 13**)
- E. The Romans (**Romans 1:20-32**)

Conclusion: Remember the wisdom of the Proverbs (**Proverbs 1:1-3, 23:23**). What is the solution? We must learn self-control! Toxic Christian living consists of a hypocritical walk. Are you ready to defeat these enemies? Then take action immediately. Do you believe in Jesus? Are you following Him daily? Do you believe in the Bible? Are you obeying what the Bible tells you? Why are you waiting to make things right? Why do we allow lust to consume us? Let's learn self-control. It's time to give God what He deserves... our very best!