

**Each One! Bless One!**  
**eBlessings' International Daily Devotional**  
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*The lust of the skin is included in the lust of the flesh The skin is the largest human organ and therefore it represents the greatest area of temptation for evil.*

"**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. <sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: <sup>4</sup>That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."** ROMANS 8:1,3-5

**"<sup>8</sup>So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."** ROMANS 8:8-9

**Lust of the Flesh Series,** (continued) **Part 6, Lust of the Skin.** Please read Part One, 24 January 2012. Thanks! This devotional is about the:

- 1) Lust of the Flesh – Lust of sexual desires.
- 2) Lust of the Eyes—Lust for what a person sees. The main instrument for covetousness is television.
- 3) **Lust of the Skin—lust of things that touch the skin.**

Here is the Merriam-Webster dictionary definition of lust. LUST---

1 obsolete a : pleasure, delight b : personal inclination : wish

2: usu. intense or unbridled sexual desire : lasciviousness

3a : an intense longing : craving <a lust to succeed> b : enthusiasm, eagerness <admired his lust for life>

The last definition will lead you to believe that lust to succeed and a lust for life are okay and within reason, just like the ungodly will lead you to believe that same-sex marriage is not an affront to Father God, not an attack of the family, and not an abomination in the sight of the Lord.

Lust of the skin is about the outside layer of membrane covering our bodies exterior. The skin is the largest organ in our bodies and it represents the largest area of temptation our bodies will encounter. The skin works in concert with the

eyes—the lust thereof—to experience the imagined stimulation and pleasure, the mind imagines possible from what the eyes have seen. We find pleasure in soft lotions, expensive clothes which are smooth to the touch. We find pleasure in silky lotions, rough textures, bumpy surfaces, the skin of another person, and some find pleasure in the stroking of a cat’s fur or the fur of an animal.

Pleasure is not the problem. Pleasure is to be desired and expected, it comes with life’s challenges—its ups and downs. The problem comes when pleasure becomes out of control—from 1) wanting something which you don’t need and a moment ago didn’t want, 2) seeking and finding inordinate pleasure in skin sensations, and 3) imagining something which does not lead you or another human in the direction of “heaven on earth” or eternal life. Realize these inordinate pleasures lead down a dark road of ungodly, unseemly spectacles, with outlandish opulence, with unfeigned exuberance. They are marked by the inability to resist the desire “pleasure lust.”

When most people think of lust of the flesh, they do not consider the lust of the skin. The desire to fulfill the skin’s desires include and are not limited to buying \$5,000-\$10,000 suits or dresses for how they feel with they rest against your skin, masturbating, purchasing skin lotions or creams which have the remnants of human fetuses in them, feeling the brush of the wind across your face as you sail over the ocean’s face, pleasure from the sweat pouring from your skin in the hot pleasure of a sauna, the flesh on flesh massage experience, the yoga class, or the tingling sensation of dopamine flowing through your skin after a long-awaited human intercourse.

Not all things pleasurable are lustful, but what makes most things lustful is how a person will put everything and anything else “away,” keep anyone “at bay” not considering the other person’s self-interest or needs which could possible get in the way of one’s pleasure seeking. We must learn to control the inordinate desire of the skin, both exterior and interior. As we bridle our tongues, we must bridle our skin. Take control of inordinate skin desires one desire at a time.

## **BRIDLE THE SKIN’S DESIRES FOR PLEASURE**



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