

Each One! Bless One!
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The lust of the eyes usher worldliness, ungodliness, carnality into one's life through the box of idolatry and covetousness in most everyone's house.

**"And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."
LUKE 12:15**

**"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;"
EPHESIANS 5:3**

Lust of the Flesh Series, Part 5, Lust of the Eyes. (continued) As I was saying, I was at an AMEZ church conference once and a junior minister, a theological seminary graduate, no less, was leading a break-out session. A conversation ensued concerning how bad society was and how bad the children are now-a-days. I had to say something. Among the things I said and the most important thing I said was concerning the time given to television versus the church.

But the caveat to that was and is: Television is a covetous box. Television ushers idolatry into one's house, apartment, or dwelling place. The television is designed to make you desire things which you do not have and at present do not want. This desire is covetousness and covetousness is idolatry. The inordinate desire to have things which you do not need, to desire more of what you already have, and to desire those things which are hurtful to your body and the bodies of your family members is covetousness and idolatry. Idolatry is an abomination to Father God; not only a sin, but an abomination.

The young reverend brother went on to explain to the other participants what I meant, as if what I said was not what I meant to say. He said that people can make things their idols from watching television, like cars, houses, and sports like football. And that is true and you will be quick to agree with that because it is well within your comfort zone. You must understand that The Messiah is coming and if I make you a little bit uncomfortable so you will have a greater possibility to get into Heaven, making you a little bit uncomfortable is well worth it. Eternity is a very long time.

But that is not what I was saying about television nor what the Holy Scripture says. Television makes you want stuff. Television makes you desire stuff. The Bible clearly says: **"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:"** Colossians 3:5 Covetousness is idolatry.

Jesus said: **"And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."** Luke 12:15 Success in life does not equate to overabundance of material gain, property, or money.

Most Americans have at least two televisions in their homes. You see the television with your eyes. This is why the Holy Ghost told me that the "lust of the eyes" was stronger than what we think of as "lust of the flesh" or "lust for sex." If you cannot see with your eyes to lust or desire after a thing or a person or stuff, then a person will lust through their ears—"lust of the ears" or their noses—"lust of the nose" or their tongue—"lust of the tongue."

If a person cannot see a place to visit, to desire it, they will have to have someone telling them about it. If a person does not desire a food because they cannot see it, then they will desire the foods which they have tasted and they will desire the foods their ears hear someone telling them about how desirous a food is, or from the smell of it. If a person cannot see the symphony or musician but can hear them, then they can have desire to hear them again from the desire stimulating to be where they can hear the sound which pleased their ears.

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COVET NOT YOUR BROTHER'S WIFE, POSSESSIONS, NOR SUCCESS



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