

Flee Also Youthful Lusts

Introduction:

- A. Paul warns us to flee something and to pursue something else. - 2 Timothy 2:22
- C. What should young people flee and what should they pursue?
- I. "Flee also youthful lusts" ("flee": "*seek safety in flight* **3.** in a moral sense flee from, avoid, shun"[Arndt & Gingrich. 863]) - cf. Genesis 39:1-12
 - A. fornication - 1 Corinthians 6:18; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:9
 - B. lewdness - Galatians 5:19-21
 - "*unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence ... wanton (acts or) manners, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females, etc.*" (Thayer. 79-80)
 - 1. shamelessness (immodest dress) - 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Revelation 3:18; Genesis 3:7-11,21
 - 2. filthy words - Ephesians 4:29; Matthew 12:36-37
 - 3. indecent bodily movements (dancing) - cf. Mark 6:17-28
 - 4. unchaste handling of males and females (dancing, "making out")
- II. follow ("*to run swiftly in order to catch some person or thing, to run after* **5.** metaph. with acc. of thing, to pursue i.e. *to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire*"(Thayer. 153))
 - A. righteousness: the character or quality of being right or just before God - Romans 6:12-13
 - B. faith - 2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 10:17
 - C. charity - 1 John 3:16-18
 - D. peace - Hebrews 12:14
 - E. with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart - 1 Corinthians 1:2; Hebrews 10:22,24-25; 1 Corinthians 15:33

Conclusion:

- A. We must flee sin with all our might.
- B. We must be equally ardent in pursuing righteousness.
- B. Are you among those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart? - Hebrews 10:22