



◀ My Story ▶

Like every single man on the face of the earth, I would constantly lust after women even after becoming a Christian back in the year 2001. My struggle in this area began ever since I was 10 years old. One day I was invited to one of my friend's house and we just started watching an X-rated movie that my friend's dad had hidden in his closet. As I watched intently the spirit of lust was transferred immediately from the movie into my life. With the passing of time I became more and more addicted to the point that I would have sexual fantasies with almost every woman that I saw. My mind was completely saturated with images from pornographic movies and magazines that I would see every single day. Having been involved with this kind of addiction for many years I now was struggling with living a life of sexual purity after giving my life to the Lord Jesus Christ. In my early years as a Christian I would have to constantly repent before the Lord. I would get on my knees and say to Him, "Father, you know that my desire is to do the right thing but I keep on giving in!" There would be a continual fight with lust even though I was trying my best to renew my mind by reading the Word of God. Yes, learning the truths about who I was in Christ made my struggles lessen but I still could not find complete freedom in this area of my life. Many of you and I dare to say more than 90% of you who are Christian men are in the same predicament that I was. I was so desperate that one day I prayed to the Lord, "Father, put inside of me a hatred against this sin." I was getting very tired of this weakness because I knew that it was hindering my spiritual growth.

The Lord very patiently continued teaching me from His Word how to fight this stronghold. I had to learn the authority that I had in the name and the Blood of Jesus and I also had to learn who my enemy was. The Word says that we do not fight against flesh and blood but against evil spirits (**Eph 6:12**) The Holy Spirit showed me that the lustful thoughts were not originating from me but from Satan and he was the one placing those thoughts in my mind. This freed me from having any feelings of guilt because now I knew that my mind was being attacked by the enemy. As I read the gospels I realized that I could command demons to be cast out in the name of Jesus and they would ALWAYS have to obey me. By learning how Jesus casted out demons I now understood that I was to call that evil spirit by its name. Yes, we know that his name is Satan but he's the commander in chief and under him we can find a hierarchy of demons that serve him to steal, kill, and destroy the joy and peace we have in the Lord Jesus Christ. I later learned that this type of oppression came specifically from a demon named "lust".

With this information in hand I now had the authority and the name of the demon I was coming against.

Every time I would get a lustful thought I immediately rebuked the demon of lust by saying "Demon of lust, I bind your thoughts against my mind and I command you to leave right now in the name of Jesus" and he would have no other choice but to

depart. At first, the thoughts did not leave as fast as I wanted them to leave but it would eventually happen. This is how I was engaged in spiritual warfare and the lustful thoughts would become less and less the more I exercised (spoke) my authority in Him. Then I also learned that demons would insist in returning to the house they left because they need to satisfy the hunger that their nature demands. A demon of lust would of course hunger for sexual sin. The same would be for a demon of depression that hungers for that depression. Whatever their nature is, they need to get a dose of their own oppression or else they would have to find another house to satisfy their insatiable cravings.

This is why the Bible tells us this:

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Every demon that exists on the face of the earth is an addict to their own nature. A very good and more visible example of the nature of a demon is someone who is a drug addict that needs to get high in order to satisfy their craving. But let's not point the finger too far because we could also use ourselves as an example. Right? As Christians carrying the name and the power in the name of Jesus we need to resist that lustful thought and rebuke the demon that is filling our minds with this garbage.