

In this passage, Jesus teaches that the only righteousness that is acceptable to God is purity of the heart. The question then becomes, how in a practical way do we deal with the daily challenges and temptations we face? Jesus answers this question with the following truths:

I. The source of sin is the heart.

2 Timothy 2:22; Proverbs 23:7; 1 Samuel 16:7

II. The severity of sin.

Stumble – skandalizo – often used of a bait stick that springs the trap when an animal touches it. Anything that morally or spiritually traps us should be eliminated quickly and totally.

“Jesus sets forth what would appear to be impossible standards. All people are murderers and adulterers. Jesus desires that we despair of our own righteousness and seek His. Jesus desires that we decide that the remedy for a wicked heart is a new heart. Our answer for our helplessness is His sufficiency.” – John MacArthur

III. The solution for sin is:

Colossians 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:20

- A. His righteousness

- B. His redemption

- C. His radical lifestyle