Lusts For All Ages
2 Tim. 2:22

Introduction:
A. Lust is desire gone astray. (Cf. Jas. 1:14-15 KJV, NKV)
B. Lust is not limited to any age group.
   1. There are “youthful lusts” (text)
   2. There are lust that affect older people (cf. 1 Cor. 9:27; Phile. 9)
C. Lust is not limited to any one area of life — many and varied (1 Tim. 6:9; 2 Tim. 3:6)
   1. Vary in strength and kind within each age group.
   2. Vary with circumstances in life.

Discussion:
I. Some Desires Are Stronger When Young — Weaken with Age.
   A. Some youthful desires are strong and useful in our youth.
   1. The desire to mate — attraction to opposite sex (Gen. 2:18-25; 1 Cor 7:2-9).
   2. The desire to discover and experiment (Aids learning, provokes research).
   3. The desire for independence (Aids “leave and cleave”; develops work ethic (cf. 2 Thess 3:10)
   B. Same youthful desires can become “harmful lusts.”
      1. The desire to mate perverted into sexual immorality (Mt. 5:28, 32; Gal. 5:19).
      2. The desire to discover perverted into moral and doctrinal experimentation (cf. Rom. 16:19).
      3. The desire for independence perverted:
         a. Peer acceptance become symbol independence from authority (cf. 1 Pet. 4:1-4).
         b. Reject and resent helpful counsel of age and experience (1 Pet. 5:5).
   C. Strong youthful lusts have not shortage of avenues that often appear innocent.
      1. School proms: Sex drive, discovery and peer acceptance.
      2. Alcohol and drug scene: sense of discovery and independence.
      3. Uncontrolled “discussion” groups and classes — Easily degenerate into mere probing of
         “untaught and unlearned” questions (cf. 2 Tim. 2:23; Deut. 29:29).

II. Some Desires Become Stronger with Age — Increase with Years.
   A. The desire for physical and financial security seems to increase.
      1. Need it to protect us from hurting ourselves as strength of youth fails.
      2. Need it to take provide for ourselves after lose ability to work.
   B. The desire for immortality seems to increase — makes more spiritually minded.
   C. These desires can be turned into many hurtful lusts.
      1. The desire for security can become a lust.
         a. Become overly suspicious and threatened by youth.
         b. Become greedy and selfish about money and things (cf. 1 Tim. 6:9).
      2. The desire for immortality can become a lust.
         a. Try to recapture youth by proving capable of youthful lusts.
         b. Make fools of selves and lose stabilizing influence by trying be peers to youth.

Conclusion:
A. Let us understand what lust is — don’t mistake it for mere desire.
B. Let us understand that lusts differ from person to person.
C. Let us understand that we must flee lust of any kind at any age.