

Proverbs 6:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

Analysis

Don't lust after her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you with her eyelids. The Hebrew 'chamad' (desire/covet) and 'laqach' (take/capture) warn against both internal desire and external seduction. Lust begins in the heart before manifesting in action. Jesus later intensifies this: 'Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart' (Matthew 5:28). Heart-guarding precedes behavioral purity.

Historical Context

Job 31:1 records: 'I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?' Job recognized the eye-to-heart-to-action progression and intercepted it at entry point. Ancient and modern alike struggle with visual temptation, but biblical wisdom teaches that covenant faithfulness begins with thought life discipline, not merely behavioral compliance.

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