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How might we combat the lust that lives in our hearts and minds?

What practical steps can you employ to reduce your exposure to things that might cause you to lust, with regard to what you take in with your eyes and put your hands to work to gain?

What can we learn about God from these passages?

Is there anything you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to look at more closely?

Prayer:

Father, thank you that you are a God of transformation. Thank you for giving us new eyes, new ears, and a new heart, ones that are filled with the righteousness of Christ as opposed to our own sin. Lord, help our eyes to see others as you do, help our ears to be tuned to your voice, help our heart be filled with the Spirit and love that overflows in all we do. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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