

well-being. It is when we carry them beyond the normal point that they become wicked. Those who try like some of the monks to get along without eating or eating practically nothing, those who try to whip the body and put the body down as if it was worthless, we do not believe are carrying out the true teaching of the Scripture. We believe the body God gave us is a marvellous mechanism and it has natural instincts which are good. But these instincts may easily become perverted.

C. S. Lewis has a very interesting statement. He said that the present tremendous emphasis on sex was good evidence that that particular instinct was quite perverted in our present world. Now, he said, let us suppose that a similar perversion occurred in the case of the instinct for food. Let us suppose that a great crowd of people would be gathered together, and that up in front of them there is a dark stage. Gradually it is lighted and flashing lights shine on it and there is a table. On that table there is a big piece of steak. How ridiculous it would be. I think it brings out very clearly the fact that these instincts which are good when properly used can become, and often do become, perverted. The proper desires of the flesh should have a proper satisfaction. When they become an end in themselves, they become evil.

The same is true of the lust of the eye. I've never been 100% sure what the lust of the eyes means. I used to be afraid that it meant the enjoyment of seeing beautiful scenery. I love to look at the great paintings in the great galleries of Italy. After seeing them I really feel quite unhappy with most of the galleries in this country. Because most of the painting you see nowadays is just dashes of color and very little sense to it as far as I can see. I don't think it requires any training to be able to recognize real first-class art. It may require considerable training to recognize the difference between fourth-class art and third-class art. I thought I knew a little about art, but I found