

# Overcoming Material Desires, Midterm Test (answers)

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1. A material desire is explained as: a desire to enjoy the material world to its fullest extent.
2. If the devotee at all wants to cleanse his heart, he must chant and hear the glories of the Lord, Sri Krsna.
3. Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura described 6 different types of subtle material desires. Name any three of them.  
  
kuti-nati (faultfinding) and pratisthasa (the desire for name and fame and for high position), jiva-himsa (envy of other living entities), nisiddhacara (accepting things forbidden in the sastra), kama (desire for material gain) and puja (hankering for popularity).
4. In the conditioned state our senses are covered by material sense gratification, and as long as one is not trained in purifying the senses, one cannot become a devotee.
5. What does the Srimad Bhagavatam compare the endeavour to stop lusty desires by continual enjoyment to?  
As supplying butter to a fire does not diminish the fire but instead increases it more and more, the endeavor to stop lusty desires by continual enjoyment can never be successful.
6. What is the all devouring sinful enemy of the world? Lust.
7. Can lust be completely satisfied by material means? No.
8. In the material world, the center of all activities is sex, and thus this material world is called maithunya-agara, or the shackles of sex life. In the ordinary prison house, criminals are kept within bars; similarly, the criminals who are disobedient to the laws of the Lord are shackled by sex life.
9. Where are the sitting places of lust in the material body? The senses, mind and the intelligence.

10. Write the approximate english translation of Bg. 2.62---63.

While contemplating the objects of the senses, a person develops attachment for them, and from such attachment lust develops, and from lust anger arises. From anger, complete delusion arises, and from delusion bewilderment of memory. When memory is bewildered, intelligence is lost, and when intelligence is lost one falls down again into the material pool.

11. According to the Chaitanya Charitamrita Madhya-lila, 22. 14-15, when does the conditioned soul who is serving lust and anger become freed?

Wandering and wandering throughout the universe, he may by chance get the association of a devotee physician, whose instructions and hymns make the witch of external energy

flee. The conditioned soul thus gets into touch with the devotional service of Lord Krsna, and in this way he can approach nearer and nearer to the Lord.

12. What is material lust?  
What is actually Love?

The desire to gratify one's own senses is kama [lust], but the desire to please the senses of Lord Krsna is prema [love].

13. According the Bhagavad- Gita 2. 64, How can one get the mercy of the Lord?

But a person free from all attachment and aversion and able to control his senses through regulative principles of freedom can obtain the complete mercy of the Lord.

14. According to the Bhagavad- Gita 2. 65, When one gets the mercy of the Lord, and is thus satisfied in Krishna Consciousness, What two things then result?

For one thus satisfied [in Krsna consciousness, (1) the threefold miseries of material existence exist no longer; in such satisfied consciousness, (2) one's intelligence is soon well established.

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15. According to the Bhagavad- Gita 2. 67. As a boat on the water is swept away by a strong wind, even one of the roaming senses on which the mind focuses can carry away a man's intelligence.

16. True or false.

Bhagavad-Gita mentions that one who is disturbed by the incessant flow of material desires in his consciousness should not tolerate them but instead try his best to satisfy them as best as one can. False.

17. What does Bhagavad-Gita 3.41 recommend for dealing with lust? Regulate the senses by Krishna Conscious service .

18. Which devotee is mentioned in Srimad-Bhagavatam as one who gave up all material desires by engaging all of his senses in the service of the Lord ? Maharaja Ambarish.

19. Can ordinary performance of austerities, giving in charity, and acceptance of vows uproot material desires? Why or why not?

Although one may neutralize the reactions of sinful life through austerity, charity, vows and other such methods, these pious activities cannot uproot the material desires in one's heart. However, if one serves the lotus feet of the Personality of Godhead, he is immediately freed from all such contaminations.

20. What are the 4 orders of the spiritual master which train the minds of the disciples to desire nothing but Krishna?

(1) Chant 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra. and other glories of the Lord and his devotees (2) Service to the Lord and the Vaisnavas,(3) Follow strictly the 4

**regulative principles and other aspects of Vaisnava sadhana. (4) Try to spread the Krishna Consciousness movement according to ones best capacity.**