

# Answering the Challenges of Pornography

## (Galatians 5:19-21)

We currently live in a society that is saturated with pornography. It is easier to view and become addicted to than it is to avoid it.

As we continue our with our monthly hot topic series, let's talk about pornography's challenges and how God expects us to answer those challenges.

### I. What is pornography?

- A. God has reserved sex and sexual intimacy for the marriage bed (Hebrews 13:4).
- B. Adam and Eve were naked together and not ashamed (Genesis 2:25).
- C. Pornography is all about taking what God designed for marriage behind closed doors and putting it out there in public for everybody to see!

### II. Why should we be concerned?

- A. It corrupts marriage.
  - 1. It places unreasonable and unfair expectations on a man's wife.
  - 2. The fantasy of it leads a man from being disconnected from his wife and understanding that she lives in the real world and has real needs (1 Peter 3:7).
- B. It corrupt hearts.
  - 1. God expects us to monitor the things we feed into our hearts (Proverbs 4:23).
  - 2. Pornography is not something that God wants soaking into our hearts.
- C. It is a sin.
  - 1. It is "impure" (Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:5).
  - 2. It leads one to committing adultery of the heart (Matthew 5:27-28).
- D. The devil has made it very accessible in 2016.
- E. It corrupts children. The primary consumer of pornography in this country are boys between the ages of 12-17?
- F. It is a deep pit. It is very addictive!
- G. It is a progressive sin. See the example of David in 2 Samuel 11:1-27.

### III. What are the solutions?

- A. Keep your mind focused on God (Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 15:3).
- B. Commit yourself to obeying God (Job 31:1; Philippians 4:8).
- C. Eliminate privacy.
  - 1. Don't allow your kids to be alone on the internet in their bedroom!
  - 2. Consistently check the history on their computer.
  - 3. Install filtering software. There are a ton of them out there!
  - 4. No internet surfing for the children when you are not home.
  - 5. Get the internet off their cell phones!
  - 6. Use safe guards on search engines and email accounts.
- D. Establish accountability (Galatians 6:2; James 5:16).
- E. Stay busy involved in good works (Ephesians 5:15-17).

**Conclusion:** Ultimately, this is all about pleasing God!