

# **WORSHIP MOVEMENT - PORNOGRAPHY**

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***Pornography is a Worship Movement- Demonic movement!***

## **I. WORSHIPING CREATION, NOT THE CREATOR**

***“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised Amen.” Romans 1:25***

- A. In our society today, we have exchanged the worship of our God, to worship created beings (humans). Pornography is the perfect example of Satan taking our worship and deterring it other places.
- B. Ultimately this draws us to worship. There is a war waged for our worship. God invites us to worship Him, while our adversary entices us to worship Him.
- C. Satan’s constant goal is to gain our worship, destroy marriage and eliminate generations.
- D. When given over to pornography (worship) men and women are spiritually neutered due to shame, spiritual dullness and absence of the presence of God.

## **II. SEEDS OF TOLERATION**

***“Do not be deceived, God cannot be mocked; for whatever a man sows this he will also reap. (Galatians 6:7)***

- A. I don’t believe anyone started out thinking they would end up addicted to pornography, or loosing their marriage or all the things they held valuable. Regardless, it is a slow process that spirals into total destruction of self worth, integrity, confidence, and intimacy with our Creator.
- B. Through sitcoms, TV, Movies and Video Games we tolerate sowing to the flesh by the images these give and this will produce fruit.
- C. We become desensitized to the power of immorality- we watch fornication, homosexuality, adultery, and sexual immorality of all kinds. Our defense mechanisms are getting broken down little by little to eventually taking over our lives and we will, inevitably act out what we watch, see and hear. We become what we behold.
- D. We become fascinated by what we see and eventually we will worship what we admire.
- E. ***Its not the violent hitting us, but it’s the dulling that puts us to sleep:*** We are so used to saying, *spit out the bones and watch the rest.* These are the seeds of toleration. God is not comfortable with this!
- F. You may even say, “its not my problem”. If you don’t deal with it, if you continue to let things into your eyes, and your ears, it is your problem. You will look back one year from now, two years from now, waist deep in addiction and passions that you cannot control. You may be so full of demonic oppression; you don’t even know what you are doing anymore. And it leads you to do even greater evils.

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## **III. WHAT IS PORNOGRAPHY & ITS EFFECTS**

- A. Pornography is one of the most destructive obsessions of our society, as it dishonors God, degrades and harms women and children, and destroys lives and families. Christians need to acknowledge the lust of the heart beneath the physical act and follow biblical counsel in order to kill sin and live in purity.
- B. In *Wired For Intimacy*, William M. Struthers explains that pornography actually rewires our brains. As people, *“fall deeper into the mental habit of fixating on these images, the exposure to them creates neural pathways. Like a path is created in the woods with each successive hiker, so do the neural paths set the course for the next time an erotic image is viewed. Over time these neural paths become wider as they are repeatedly traveled with each exposure to pornography. They become the automatic pathway through which interactions with woman are routed. . . They have unknowingly created a neurological circuit that imprisons their ability to see women [and men] rightly as created in God’s image.”*
- C. One study showed that a human orgasm affects the same parts of the brain that heroin and cocaine do. Therefore, the affects of this outside of marriage are detrimental.
- D. It is my conviction that pornography directly influences these areas below:
1. **Promiscuity**- any sexual relationship outside of the marriage covenant. The enemy begins taking out the marriage and family even before a person is married.
  2. **Divorce**- 51% of all marriages end in divorce. Pornography removes intimacy between a husband and wife. Due to porn, now marriages that engage in pornography are not having sex anymore. About 15 percent of married couples have not had sex with their spouse in the last six months to one year. Consequently, if they do engage in intercourse, they are having sex while viewing pornography at the same time. Both of these destroy intimacy and eventually forever sever the relationship.
  3. **Abortion**- 21% of all pregnancies in Canada end in abortion, while in the U.S. 23%. Some countries in Europe as high as 50%.
  4. **Bulimia and Anorexia** – Destroys self-image, while comparing to movies and porn stars.
  5. **Sex Slave Trade**- there are over 100,000 websites offering child pornography (2002). Today this is uncontrollable. About 1.2 million children are annually exploited through child pornography and prostitution.
  6. **Homosexuality**- The sexual identity is confused and exchanged according to Romans 1:26-27: *“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men...”*
  7. **Child Sexual Abuse**- According to Charles Keating of Citizens for Decency Through Law, research reveals that 77 percent of child molesters of boys and 87 percent of child molesters of girls admitted imitating the sexual behavior they had seen modeled in pornography.

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8. **Rape-** One out of six women in the United States has been raped at some time in her life. One in four women and one in six men will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetimes. Rape rates are highest in places that have high sales of sex magazines and lax enforcement of pornography laws.
9. **Incest-** Incest is experienced by 10 to 20 percent of children in the general population.
10. **Breakdown of Family Generations-** Takes out the spiritual head of the home. Sexual immorality also passes generational sins.

## **III. STATISTICS ON PORNOGRAPHY**

- A. A total of 69% of all boys experienced first exposure between the ages of 10 and 14 while, 68% of all girls faced first exposure from ages 13 and up, and over one-third of those girls, or 39%, never saw porn until after their 16th birthday. Put another way, 8 out of 10 boys (81%) were exposed to porn before they left 8th grade compared to only half (52%) of the girls.
- B. Pornography is a 13.3 billion enterprise in North America- Lets put it in context- pornography makes more money annually than the NFL, NBA, NHL, MLB combined. This is only the sites and magazines that create income through pornography, while most pornography is becoming free.
- C. The pornographic industry makes \$96 billion a year- 2 times more than Microsoft brought in last year. This is being released on the earth in so many directions. This is where people's hearts are.
- D. Every second- \$3,075 is being spent in pornography.
- E. 91% of teens, Ages 8-16 years old are viewing pornography- most of the time while doing homework.
- F. 72% of men view pornography and 28% of women, more and more women are fantasizing.

## **IV. FIGHT FOR THE EYES**

***Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. (Luke 11:34)***

- A. Where your eyes go, your body goes, so does your life go. Where are your eyes? What do you spend your time in? Where do you spend your time worshipping, the Creator God or creation?
- B. Everything starts in the eyes. What we look at and give our eyes to becomes the meditation of our thoughts and heart (fascination) and you open your spirit to demons. We open our lives to demonic worship. Demons want you completely to be devoured by the cries of lust in your being. You will lose your life in God and it will inevitably gets worse and worse.

***“Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out . . . for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.” (Matthew 5:28-29)***

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- C. When a man or women gazes with lust, and they lock in, they are committing adultery in they're heart. We are supposed to be radical, and if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Now, He does not really mean pluck it out. He says, "Go to extreme measures to change the situation that is inflaming your heart in lust and sexual immorality."
- D. Now the progression of adultery goes this way: eye adultery- that is where it begins. Then it grows to heart adultery. We stare, we see, and we look. That is how the human heart works. With eye adultery, it grows into heart adultery. Then the fantasy gets locked in. Then heart adultery ends up in physical adultery. People do not just commit physical adultery just by accident. They commit physical adultery as the end of a series of giving themselves in more subtle secret ways to adultery.

## **V. COVENANT WITH OUR EYES**

***"I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman? If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbor's door . . ." (Job 31:1, 9)***

- A. Job said that because he made a covenant with his eyes, why then should I look upon a young woman? He meant with lust. If my heart has been secretly enticed, or if I lurked at the neighbor's doorway, he means lurked to stare with lustful desires.
- B. It is much easier to shut the eye gate in the realm of immorality, rather than trying to put out the raging fire of immoral desires that are burning and building in our life. We have to shut the door from the entry point - eye gate. We must turn our eyes away. If we have our eye gate open to sin—and where things are going on the Internet—it is so dangerous. It is not OK. It is dangerous in a very, very serious way because if we do not make a covenant with our eyes, our imagination will get so defiled and so destroyed.
- C. I have made a covenant based on Job 31:1 "I want you to join me today with this covenant."

## **VI. MAKE A QUALITY DECISION**

***When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. (James 1:13-15)***

- A. The definition of temptation is options. Options give invitation to temptation in your life. We need to get rid of the options. We need to make war on options.
- B. Make quality decisions to wage war on pornography and everything that is connected, even modest dress for men and women.
- C. **Women:** So many girls and women take the standard of dress from magazines and malls. Ask the Holy Spirit if He is pleased with the level of morality, of seduction—I mean the level of purity.

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Or do you wear seductive clothing? Do not get your standard from the magazines or the malls? Get your standard from the Holy Spirit. Do not look at all the magazines and say, *“I want to be cute like her in the magazine.”*

- D. **Guys too:** guys get their standards from the magazines too. There is a lot of seductive dress that men are involved in too. We need to seek the Holy Spirit’s comfort with what we wear and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the motives of our heart.

***“I will behave wisely in a perfect way . . . I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes.” (Psalm 101:2-3)***

- E. We want to be men and women with a heart after God like David. I want to challenge you with Psalm 101. To be men and women to guard our eyes and walk wisely in the secret places of our homes, office, computers and walk with a perfect heart. A heart that is set on 100% obedience before the Lord. To set nothing wicked or dark before your eyes!

- F. I invite you right now to pray this to ask God to help you walk out in freedom and to give you the grace to live out purity.

- G. ***“Father, I choose to set nothing wicked before my eyes. I ask you that you would help me today. I choose to make a quality decision to make a covenant with my eyes. To guard my eyes and to remove anything that hinders intimacy with you. I want to honor you Holy Spirit as you dwell in this temple. I choose to honor you today with my body. So help me today walk purely and steadfast before you. I thank you for your blood that washes me, I thank you for power and your grace to walk this out in my life. In Jesus name, amen.”***