

Moral Issues: Pornography

(Psalm 101:3)

- Introduction:
1. Pornography is an epidemic that is sweeping our country and threatens what moral purity and innocence we have left.
 2. I dare say that since pornography is so readily accessible today, many Christian people, men in particular, have and do struggle with the temptation of this sin.
 3. Consequently, there are many wives and homes that are adversely affected by this sin as well.
 4. Tonight, I want our awareness of this problem to be heightened and to talk about things we can do to avoid becoming a victim of this sin.

I. The Presence & Progress Of Pornography

- A. Legally - U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Potter Stewart admitted his difficulty with arriving at a legal definition when he said..."I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced within that shorthand description and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But I know it when I see it..."
- B. Practically - Pornography is sexually explicit material intended for the purpose of sexual arousal.
- C. Approximately 30 years ago, a federal study of pornography estimated the total retail value of all was no more than \$10 million and perhaps less than \$5 million.
 1. Today, Americans spend nearly \$10 billion dollars every year on porn.
- D. Each week, the porn industry in the U.S. puts out 150 new movies every week.
- E. There are more outlets for hard-core pornography in the U.S. than McDonald's restaurants.
- F. How pornography is accessed.
 1. Magazines (more sold than Time & Newsweek).
 2. Videos (25,000 stores selling these / avg. 6 stores for every county in U.S.).
 3. Telephone (Dial-a-porn \$1 billion dollar industry).
 4. Television (Cable/Movie Channels/Pay-Per-View).
 5. Computer (Internet).

II. The Effects Of Pornography

- A. It is addicting & has a desensitizing effect on the user.
- B. It assaults the dignity and worth of women.
- C. It arrests sexual fulfillment in marriage.
- D. It destroys trust and has the same hurt as if one had actually committed fornication.
- E. It robs our children of innocence (87% of child molesters were regular users of pornography).

III. What The Bible Says About Pornography

- A. (Psalm 101:3).
- B. (Matthew 5:28).
- C. (Philippians 4:8; Matthew 5:8; James 4:8).
- D. (Galatians 5:19) Lasciviousness - unbridled lust.
- E. (2 Peter 2:14).

- Conclusion:
- 1. (Job 31:1).
 - 2. If you have not looked at pornography - Don't Start! Keep yourself pure.
 - 3. If you have dabbled in pornography - Beware! Sin will ensnare you before you know it!
 - 4. If you regularly view pornography - Stop! It will keep you from heaven and nothing is worth that.
 - 5. Remember (1 Corinthians 10:13).