



# THE TRUTH ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY

- English word pornography

- Derived from the Greek word porne (prostitute) and graphein (to write)
- Originally defined as any work of art or literature depicting the life of prostitutes

# AN EPIDEMIC, ONLY IT IS NOT A DISEASE

- Internet variety so extremely dangerous, destructive, and addictive because of the 3 A's (Dr. Al Cooper in his book *Cybersex: The Dark Side of the Force*)
  - Anonymous
  - Accessible
  - Affordable

# SATAN AND PORNOGRAPHY

- Satan the master of lies and deception
- Lies:
  - Woman's value (or man's) depends upon attractiveness of the body
  - Women are property, merchandise
  - Relationship in marriage is boring
  - Victimless

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- Dehumanizes women
- Reprograms the mind
- Perverts children's understanding of the truth of sex
- Taken to extremes, the perverted desires lead to rape, child molesting, incest, and even murder

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- Sin against God, wife, husband, self
- Devastates Christians, their homes, their marriages, their attitudes and practices
- It is an assault upon
  - Individuals
  - The family
  - Society

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“Study the case of Ted Bundy, a serial rapist and an admitted murderer of more than two dozen young women. Bundy said in his eleventh hour interview with Dr. James Dobson, "Pornography can reach out and snatch a kid out of any house today . . . It snatched me out of my home 20, 30 years ago ... There is no protection against the kind of influences that are loose in society." He also stated, "What alcohol did in conjunction with, let's say, my exposure to pornography, was alcohol reduced my inhibitions; at the same time the fantasy life that was fueled by pornography eroded them further." He also admitted how in the early days he was generally half-drunk, "almost without exception," and alcohol diminished his inhibitions when he went on his rape and murder sprees! These are just a few examples of the poison fruit this sinful activity bears. Even though all consumers of pornography are not affected like Ted Bundy, this illustrates the destructive force of pornography on society. It is void of any good works (Gal. 5:19-21).”

Tommy Glendol McClure, Truth Magazine, July 4, 1996



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- Addictive
  - 2 Timothy 3:13
  - 2 Peter 2:18-19
  - 1 Corinthians 6:12

# THE WORLD'S VIEW ON PORNOGRAPHY

- “Everybody’s doing it” (not true)
- The worldly view may be determined in courts and laws and politics and culture
- The worldly view characterized by its proliferation, the constant changing standard of what is culturally acceptable, “ok as long as nobody gets hurt, in the privacy of my own home, etc.”, humanist philosophy – no ethical standard
- World’s view expressed well in a major magazine: pornography does not undermine “relationships, immortal souls, or our republic”

# WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY

- The truth will be found in the Bible
- The exposing of the body
  - Genesis 3:7, 21
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Identified as a sin, a work of the flesh (note: application matters!)
  - Galatians 5:19
  - Ephesians 4:19
  - 2 Corinthians 12:21
  - Colossians 3:1
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

# MAKING APPLICATION OF BIBLE WORDS

- **Uncleanness** = the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living (recklessly wasteful living)
- **Lewdness** = unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness; absence of moral restraint
- **Licentiousness** = lacking moral discipline or ignoring legal restraint, especially in sexual conduct
- **Lasciviousness** = inclined to lustfulness; wanton; lewd; arousing sexual desire
- **Lewd** = Crude and offensive in a sexual way
- **Wanton** = immoral or unchaste

# WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY

- Is of the world – 1 John 2:15
- Begins and proceeds from the heart – Matthew 5:27-28
- A fulfilment of the lust of the flesh – Galatians 5:17
- Proceeds from lusts and unlawful desires – James 1:14-16
- To be put to death – Colossians 3:5
- To be abstained from – 1 Peter 2:11
- To be exposed – Ephesians 5:11

# GOD'S TRUTH ABOUT SEXUAL DESIRE

- The holy, God-given answer for the physical desires of a man and a woman is given and provided by the same God who created the holy desires to begin with
  - Genesis 2:24
  - 1 Corinthians 7:1-2
  - Hebrews 13:4
- At the HEART of the issue is our DESIRES
- Who and what reigns in your desires? Who and what is enthroned in your heart? Who and what has dominion, ownership in your heart? To whom and to what are you surrendering?
  - Romans 6:12-14, 16, 23

# REIGN OVER THIS SIN OF PORNOGRAPHY

- The gospel is the power – Romans 1:16
  - Acts 22:16
  - 1 John 1:9
- Admit and recognize the war
  - 1 Peter 2:11
- Recognize God's wrath against those involved in this sin
  - Ephesians 5:3-6

# REIGN OVER THIS SIN OF PORNOGRAPHY

- Count the cost of defeat
  - Proverbs 6:27-28
  - Proverbs 7:21-23
- Flee
  - Anonymity, Accessibility, Affordability
  - 1 Corinthians 6:18
  - Acts 19:18-19
  - Romans 13:14



# REIGN OVER THIS SIN OF PORNOGRAPHY

- Be vigilant
  - Proverbs 4:23
  - 1 Peter 5:8
  - Guard feet (Genesis 39:12), eyes (Job 31:1), thoughts (Matthew 5:27-28)
- Get accountable
  - Anonymity, Accessibility, Affordability
  - Proverbs 15:3

# REIGN OVER THIS SIN OF PORNOGRAPHY

- Draw near to God in prayer and study
  - Psalm 19:14
  - Psalm 101:3
- Think of pure things
  - Philippians 4:8
- Get busy in the life guided by the Spirit
  - Ephesians 5:15-21
- Seek and follow godly counsel
  - Proverbs 24:5-6