

Pornography - Not a Sickness

At a recent gathering of several thousand “Christian” men, mostly fathers in typical American, nuclear families, according to Michael Pearl, author of *“To Train Up a Child,”* over 50% anonymously confessed to having “used pornography” within the previous seven days.

Most pastors want to avoid ministering to this sensitive need. Of the few that will, most treat it as a “weakness” that Christians should “overcome with counseling.”

I disagree! Those of us who live without this temptation (*thank God if we do*) may be reluctant to entertain a thought of being bold and confrontational with any type of direct frankness. May we stop this type of thinking and realize that, many times, the lives of children are at stake and the healing challenge involves spiritual warfare much more than circumstantial or environmental choices. Getting rid of computers, Smart phones, iPads and magazines will not solve this spiritual challenge.

Most children are exposed to some form of pornography by the time they are ten. Fathers, if you isolate yourself in a room and indulge in pornography, you are not sick. You are a disciple of depraved evil. You are having intercourse with a computer or a publication. In affect, you are having an erotic experience with a web-site promoter or an editor. While you are fantasizing with a commercialized image, just know that there are thousands of others engaged in eroticism with the same image at the same time, and you made the choice to join them.

You have made a decision to be join a disgusting group of perverts, all piled together into the same image and somewhere there is a sexually dysfunctional editor enjoying his erotic power over you and profit from you.

You are not over sexed; you are not even sexed, you are alone. At best you are copulating with yourself. Don’t try to convince yourself that you are getting yourself primed for a conclusion with your wife. It’s the priming that keeps drawing you back again and again, not the conclusion. You are a pervert. A real man is big enough to say no to passions.

A man whose passions are stimulated to the point of being all consuming is not a man of greater prowess. He is a man whose soul has shrunk until a little member of his body is the strongest part of his character, the only thing left.

Yes, God created us with sexual drive. He also gave us a steering wheel and a brake to direct and control our driven emotions. If you can’t control yours, it’s not a statement of weak emotions; it’s weakness in your soul (Read the *“Body, Soul and Spirit”* article). You are wasting away to the level of an alley cat. Adam fell, but you are falling even further. You are plunging your soul into eternal destruction, moving as far from God as you can; lost by choice. You justify your addiction by pointing to others who have fallen, but you are condemned by many who have not fallen and by those who have genuinely repented by choosing to be guided and moved by the Spiritual drive to restoration by our Lord’s grace to a position of normalcy.

Remember, it’s not a sin to be tempted. NO!!! The sin is to choose to act on it. Read 1st Corinthians 10:13 again and speak boldly against the act in the Name of Jesus.

Then read the article *“Judgment time vs.”*