

Day 19 - Pornography and Our Declining Moral Standards

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But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God." Matthew 19:26 (AMP)

The porn world is built on lust and idolatry, completely lacking any form of love. The fruit of lust and idolatry is destruction in your relationship with God, your family, your friends, and your society. The Bible discusses many spiritual laws which are set in motion by the things that we do and say. One law is that we will reap what we sow. Sowing porn into your eyes and heart will open a "legal right" for forces of evil to begin to operate freely in your life. Once evil has a license to oppress you, it will do so by direct attack and by appealing to your fleshly sinful nature. The forces of evil will toy with you and torture you like a cat does to a mouse - read James 1:13-15. When evil has a grip on you, you'll be so confused, you won't be able to tell if its simply you that has the problem or if there is a personal evil attacking you. The answer will be both, as evil works through the flesh to bring you into the bondage to sin.

Porn destroys families from the inside out. It usually starts with the man, who God intended as the spiritual leader of the family. Porn will help block God's blessing and favor from a family. Once a man is hooked on porn, he will do almost anything to keep his addiction secret. Results can include, sexual dissatisfaction with his spouse, habitual lying, incest with other family members, rape, serial murder, divorce, abandonment, bankruptcy, violent behavior and a loss of rational thinking.

In the United States alone:

Every second - \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography.

Every second - 28,258 Internet users are viewing pornography.

Every second - 372 Internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines.

Every 39 minutes: a new pornographic video is being created in the United States.

Porn makes a mockery of what God intended when he created sex to be shared between a husband and his wife. We need to pray for God's healing power over those who are bound to porn. There are evil spirits attached to porn that need to be bound in the persons' life before release can be experienced. Don't condemn them! This only leads to destructive anger and defensive behavior. Show them love. Usually getting into porn was not done to hurt anyone, they simply fell into it. And, once in it, they find it impossible to get out of it.

So many parents are wondering why their children are out of control and they can't seem to reel them back in. No amount of praying seems to help and counseling is fruitless.

You can't seem to get a handle on the situation and the harder you try the further away they seem to drift. Could it be an open door that you have created with undercover porn? Remember, though you may think that it is a harmless past time, you have opened the door for evil spirits to infiltrate your family, even if the child that no longer resides at home.

Let us pray...

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that you forgive us for our sins. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness as we bow before your throne. We praise you, oh God, for who you are. We magnify your name and give you all honor and glory.

Father, we pray for our loved ones and all Americans who are bound by pornography and sexual sin. We understand that like all sin, porn separates us from your will and your direction for our lives. We recognize that sexual sin opens the door for a variety of evil spirits that not only infiltrate and affect our lives but the lives of our loved ones as well.

Father, the disease of sexual addiction has overtaken our nation. The pornography addiction is just as real and damaging as a drug habit. But Lord, we know the answer. We know and understand that acceptance of Christ will break the bondage of porn. There are so many Christians who are addicted and we pray Father that you give them the desire to hate porn and sexual sin. Father, strengthen your children to walk away from porn, destroy all of their porn accounts, delete the files from their computers, destroy all tapes, books and other material that is not of you.

Father, send someone across their paths who can lead those addicted to porn back to you. We bind the spirits that keep them bound to porn and we loose the spirit of holiness and a love for your Word in their lives.

These things we ask in the name of Jesus...Amen.