

**“The Sin of Pornography”**  
**Matthew 5:27-28**

Introduction: Read the introductory stories found on pages 9-10 in *Porn Nation* written by Michael Leahy. Pornography is a \$100 billion a year industry worldwide.

1. Every second in the United States, \$3,075 is spent on pornography.
2. Every second in the United States, 28,258 Internet users view pornography.
3. Every second in the United States, 372 Internet users type adult search terms into search engines.
4. Every 39 minutes a new pornographic video is being created in the United States.
5. Pornographers currently release over 13,000 adult movies per year—more than 25 times the mainstream movie production.
6. The number of United States adults who regularly visit pornographic websites monthly are 40 million. Worldwide, it is 72 million.

Body: Pornography is the topic that no one wants to talk about. However, we no longer have the luxury to ignore it. Michael Pearl stated that, “...we receive many letters from wives concerned about their husband’s pornographic indulgence. The letters we receive are from homeschooling, no birth control, go to church, ‘put on a good front’ families. Wives want to know how they can train up their children to follow the Lord when their husbands are secretly following porn queens. At one large meeting of several thousand “Christian” men, over 50% of those present confessed to having ‘used pornography’ in the previous seven days. Most ministers avoid ever mentioning this shameful subject.” Therefore, let us notice:

- I. The Vanity of Pornography James 4:2- “*Ye lust, and have not...*” (Pornography is mere images that offer nothing. Thank God for a faithful wife that has everything to offer.)
  - A. Its Production II Peter 2:14- “*Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children*”
    1. The United States sex industry income for 2006 were as follows:
      - a. Video Sales and Rentals—\$3.62 billion
      - b. Internet—\$ 2.84 billion
      - c. Cable, Pay Per View, In Room, Mobile Phone—\$2.19 billion
      - d. Exotic Dance Clubs—\$2 billion
      - e. Novelties—\$1.73 billion
      - f. Magazines—\$950 million
    2. At \$13.3 billion, the 2006 revenues of the sex and porn industry in the US were bigger than the revenues of the NFL, NBA, and Major League Baseball combined.
    3. Worldwide sex industry sales for 2006 are reported to be \$97 billion, more revenue than Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Apple, Netflix, and Earthlink combined.
    4. The big hotel chains like Hilton, Marriott, Hyatt, Sheraton, and Holiday Inn all offer adult films on in-room pay-per-view television systems. Adult movies are

purchased by a whopping 50% of their guests, accounting for nearly 70% of their in-room profits.

5. The largest consumer of Internet pornography is the 35-49 age groups.
6. 1 of 3 visitors to all adult websites is women. 9.4 million access adult websites every month. 1 out of every 6 women grapples with addiction to pornography.
7. 20% of men and 13% of women admitted to accessing pornography at work.

#### B. Its Promotion

1. Every day, in some corner of the world, innocence dies.
2. The avenues of pornography are: convenient stores (you are under the surveillance of cameras, the clerk, and other customers), internet (it offers privacy; What is sitting on your computer's hard drive?), chat rooms, phone, strip clubs, song lyrics, music videos, video games, TV Shows (sitcoms, commercials), print ads, magazine covers, Television, theaters, porn stores, cell phones, etc.
3. The average age of first exposure to commercial pornography is somewhere between 11 and 14.
4. Many students claim they were first exposed somewhere around the age of 4 to 5.
5. Over 80% of teens ages 15 to 17 have had multiple exposure to hard-core pornography.
6. 27% of teens between the ages of 13 and 16 are now sexually active. Only about half of their parents (15%) believed their teens had gone beyond kissing.
7. 59% of girls age 12-19 agree that society tells them that attracting boys and acting sexy is one of the most important things teen girls can do.
8. Internet porn is like Russian roulette: click, click, click.
9. Feeding your addictions will not get it out of your system. Pornography will go from magazines to videos to real people. It goes from pictures to people.

#### C. Its Pretending

1. Pornography promises a lot, however it is nothing more than inanimate paper, lifeless pixels, grainy videos, and disengaged sex workers.
2. Many feel that pornography is a sickness. It is not a sickness, it is a sin and there are those that are slaves to their sin.
3. Some feel that pornography is alright. "Everybody is doing it" and "It isn't hurting anybody" are some of the excuses.
4. 38% of adults believe it is "morally acceptable" to look at pictures of nudity or explicit sexual behavior. Porn has become the norm. The world has become desensitized.
5. However, what are you doing when you look at pornography? What is your end goal? Genesis 38:8-10
6. In a Kinsey Institute survey, respondents were asked, "Why do you use porn?"
  - a. 72% said they used porn to physically release
  - b. 69% said they used porn to arouse themselves and/or others
  - c. 54% said they used porn out of curiosity
  - d. 43% said they used porn, "Because I can fantasize about things I would not necessarily want in real life."
  - e. 38% said they used porn to distract themselves
7. Habitual pornographic sessions will only lead to more addictions. The lust is never satisfied.

8. Basically, a porno-freak is consumed with self and is selfish.
9. A frigid woman is no excuse for pornography. (Notice what a couple's obligation to each other is. I Corinthians 7:1-5)

II. The Venom of Pornography Matthew 15:18-20 (It only leads to destruction!)

A. It Destroys Your Senses Habakkuk 2:15- *"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!"*

1. Through pornography, you slowly cross boundaries and drift over lines. It leads to decreased judgment, discernment, and reasoning. It causes severe stress on family, friends, and your work environment.
2. Pornography leads to rape, molestation, and incest.
3. 51% of US adults surveyed believe that pornography raises men's expectation of how women should look and changes men's expectations of how women should behave. 40% of adults surveyed believe that pornography harms relationships between men and women.
4. Prostitution Leviticus 19:29- *"Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness."*
5. Perversions I Timothy 4:1-2
  - a. Pornography is an addiction like crack cocaine. Lust will hijack your sanity.
  - b. Child Molestation—Child Pornography generates \$3 billion annually worldwide.
  - c. Incidents of child sexual exploitation have risen from 4,573 in 1998 to 112,083 in 2004, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
  - d. Sodomy Leviticus 18:22- *"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."*
  - e. Bestiality Leviticus 18:23- *"Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion."*

B. It Destroys Your Soul Proverbs 6:32- *"But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."*

1. Pornography becomes more and more perverted. You get used to it and seek another level. Women are seen as objects instead of as people.
2. Proverbs 23:7- *"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee."*
3. Pornography leads to: a maze of lies, covering up, shortages of money, deception, problems with your spouse, neglected children, fornication, and adultery.
4. Pornography leads to fornication and adultery where you may get STD's and aids. Be prepared to lose your family, friends, job, and everything that matters.
5. Pornography is mental and emotional unfaithfulness. Trust is removed from relationships. Bitterness, anger, and resentment take its place. Fighting with your spouse may occur with your children suffering from hits from emotional shrapnel.
6. I Corinthians 6:9-10
7. Galatians 5:19-21

- III. The Victims of Pornography Romans 14:7- *“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”*
- A. Your Companion
1. Pornography destroys a normal relationship. You use and abuse your partner while you fulfill perverted fantasies in your mind.
  2. Porno-freaks have increased isolation from real relationships.
  3. Read pages 54-58 in *Porn Nation* by Michael Leahy.
- B. Your Children
1. Pornography has a destructive element toward your children. Think about the spiritual warfare that will take place when you are viewing pornography.
  2. Pornography is a two-way link with the spiritual underworld.
  3. Ephesians 6:12- *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*
  4. When you lie in bed at night, whatever fills your mind will have a spiritual impact on your family.
  5. Godly parents are to supply a protective umbrella to their children through prayer and the Scripture. However, when an individual is wrapped up in pornography any “prayers” offered are null and void when pornography is viewed.
- C. Your Church
- IV. The Victory Over Pornography Galatians 5:16- *“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”*
- A. Repent (Pornography demands repentance!)
1. You never know how deep your addiction runs until you try to stop.
  2. The cycle is repent, confess, and forgiveness. It is a laborious journey from the start to the end of pornography.
  3. Some porn addicts are in denial. You cannot get help if you do not want help.
  4. You must accept personal responsibility for your wrong choices in life. You have hurt yourself and others.
  5. It will take years for the temptations to go away. The images will never go away.
  6. Pornography is like the forbidden fruit, when once you have eaten, you cannot go back. This knowledge is impossible to unlearn.
  7. David said in Psalms 51:3, *“For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”* (I feel like this is real repentance.)
  8. You need to realize that evil is real. Also, you need to realize that God is real. Face the reality of your own corruption.
- B. Replace
1. Remember that what you feed grows and what you starve dies.
  2. You must replace pornography with prayer, Scripture, godly songs, and church.
  3. I Peter 1:13- *“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”*
  4. Will power, personal conviction, and the power of the Lord are the only elements that will help you avoid pornography.
  5. You must cut the ties that have had you bound to pornography: television, internet, etc. Do not put yourself around the temptation.

6. How do we combat media propaganda of pornography? Provide a family that is not dysfunctional!
  7. There may not be anything to censor the current epidemic of pornography in our society, but we must remain pure.
- C. Remember
1. You need to remember that you have hurt others by your selfish sin of pornography. Do not preach “forgiveness” to your loved ones. How can a man do wrong and then preach do right (“forgiveness”)? Addicts need to realize this and understand that you cannot just sweep it under the rug!
  2. You have perverted the most intimate area of a couple’s life. It is hard to be intimate with a pervert. A woman’s response would be, “How could you do this to me?”
  3. Hebrews 13:4- *“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”*
  4. The partners of porno-freaks will have disgust with their spouse. The partner needs to realize this. It would be hard to honor someone that has broken a sacred trust.
  5. No matter the hurt, we need to remember the chain of command. God—Jesus—Man—Woman—Children. No matter what, you must honor this position.
  6. Ephesians 5:23- *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”*
  7. Divorce is never the answer! I Corinthians 7:10-15
    - a. Certainly, a spouse is not obligated to remain in abusive situations. Violence and sexual abuse are not permitted.
    - b. If a spouse is abusing the children, have them arrested. Whining promises will not change the beast inside.
    - c. God said that you were to remain unmarried.
  8. Women that have been mistreated by their spouse will naturally lash out. Women do not like authority. They will begin to use the situation to their advantage. Because of their righteousness, they will begin to dominate the relationship with their nagging. Nagging only leads to bitterness.
  9. Colossians 3:19- *“Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.”*
  10. It will take time to regain respect. TALK!!!
  11. Ultimately, the end point of quitting pornography is maintaining right relationships. Right relationships with your spouse, children, friends, and most importantly, God. Which is more important pornography or right relationships?

Conclusion: Refer to *The Pastor’s Manual* written by J.R. Hobbs. Perform the marriage ceremony found on pages 149-153.