

So What Is Wrong With Pornography?

Introduction: Our society is permeated with pornography in movies, T.V., theater, art, books, and magazines. The internet, radio and “900” phone lines are additional media used to traffic this and it seems to be getting worse.

Definition: “Porno” comes from the Greek “porneia” which means fornication or illicit sexual activity. “Graphy” is relating to written words or pictorial representation. Thus “pornography” is a graphic depiction of of something sexual.

I) The Media: a) Magazines - Playboy, Playgirl, & Penthouse, etc. are well known, but there are thousands more, Even Victoria’s Secret catalog comes close. b) Books - “Adult” books, romance novels, other fiction stories, etc. frequently describe “love” scenes. c) Movies - Even “G” and “PG” movies sometimes have sexual innuendo. d) T.V. - Many shows;

even comedies like Seinfeld and Will and Grace will joke about sexual matters. e. Commercials - eg. Sex appeal is everywhere and now there are Viagra ads. f) Internet - websites galore are XXX.

II) The Legality: A few laws may prohibit it, but most simply restrict and regulate it. Our rights as citizens to oppose such can be exercised as you will, but hope of elimination though is unlikely. The best we can do is attempt to make small changes, one heart at a time.

III) So What Is Wrong With It?

1. Matthew 5:28-29 - It is sinful.
2. II Samuel 11:2 - It can lead to other sins.
3. Mark 7:18-23 - It defiles our heart and vice versa.
4. II Peter 2:14 - It is potentially addictive.
5. Proverbs 6:24-26 - It may eventually destroy us.
6. I John 2:15-17 - It is of the world, and robs us of the love of God.
7. Revelation 16:15 - Public

nakedness is a shame.

8. Romans 1:32 - It is receiving pleasure from or approving of the sin of others.
9. It sells sex and equals prostitution.
10. Cheapens and degrades women and the beauty of sexuality.
11. Contributes to promiscuity, illegitimacy and abortion.

IV) How Do We Overcome It?

- a. Avoid it when and where possible - Proverbs 4:14-15, 25
- b. Make a vow to yourself - Job 31:1,9-10
- c. Get married - I Corinthians 7:2
- d. Be satisfied by your spouse - I Corinthians 7:3-5; Proverbs 5:15-19; Song of Solomon 5:10-16; 7:1-9
- e. Mental self-discipline - II Corinthians 10:3-5
- f. Think on these things - Philipians 4:8
- g. Walk in the Spirit - Galatians 5:16

Conclusion: Beware of the sin of pornography...whether hardcore or soft.

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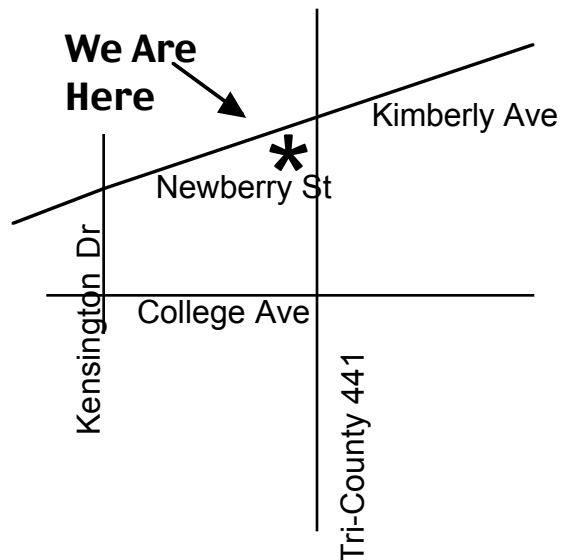
Service Times

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Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship Hour - 6:00 p.m.

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