

Pornography - "The Reality"

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The precise Biblical [meaning of 'pornography'](#) is given in a separate article. In this Outline I wish to give an overall description of what it is today, and the real effect it has on individuals, families and Church.

Many years ago, I wrote a TV play (unpublished) called 'A Kind of Murder'. It described how a young wife discovered that her husband had committed adultery a number of times, prompted by his love for pornography. As a result the wife finally killed herself on a railway line. In the play I showed that adultery and its source – pornography – led directly to the distressed young woman's death; she was driven to absolute grief by her husband's unrelenting and increasingly disturbing lust for pornography. Hence: a kind of murder, which it is.

What happens? I had first-hand experience at seeing the effects of pornography, whilst working in a psychiatric hospital. These places tend to be 'dens of iniquity'. It is an old term but apt, because such hospitals are not predicated on Christian values, but on paganism, mysticism and atheism. Staff tend to be of the same ilk and extremely broad in what they accept, because, to them, 'morality' does not really exist, but is mainly a vestigial remain of Christianity. As we are now 'post-Christian', morality and Christianity are just left-overs from a bygone age and can harm people if adhered to. That is the view of psychiatry, and always has been.

Very often, the person who indulges in pornography does not set out to do so. Rather, he or she will catch a glimpse of something unusual, maybe on the top shelf of a newspaper shop, or in a house where someone has quickly tried to hide a magazine or video/DVD. It could be that a person is seduced into watching or reading pornography by someone who is already addicted. TV is now a prime source of pornography. It is not good enough for TV companies to tell us we can switch off, or apply a ban on a particular channel, because they KNOW many people will look at them out of curiosity. Even more material can be found on computer, via the internet. So, the original source can be one of many diverse possibilities.

Sex is probably the 'lowest common denominator' when it comes to sin. It is the easiest of sins to take up, and can be the most secret... at least until the addiction takes the person beyond the boundary of decency, privacy and taboo. At first, the person who shows an interest in pornography is a *victim* of temptation. But, he or she very quickly becomes a *perpetrator*, because, as with all addictions, he ('he' also applies to 'she') soon moves on to 'harder' material. This is because the milder forms of titillation no longer satisfy. Just as a drug loses its potency with continual use, so pornography has to be taken in *greater*

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doses to 'satisfy'. But, it never does satisfy. Each time he reaches the maximum coverage within that particular level of sexuality, the person has to move 'up a notch' to experience the same type of reaction and excitement.

Very often, these travels into pornography are in secret. Magazines, videos and DVDs are hidden somewhere where a wife, girlfriend, or parent, etc., will not find them. The person will stay up late to watch pornography channels on TV, or search the internet for a huge variety of sites. As the addiction becomes complete, so he will become even more secretive, lying to those he used to love and covering his tracks.

In scriptural terms, such a person has given himself over to Satan. This is a big problem even to pastors. They are not immune to sexual sins. Do you think this affects their ministry? Of course it does! Being unrepentant, his ministry is no longer prompted by God, Who cannot abide such evil. What is this evil? Why is it sin?

It is evil and sin because it involves fornication and/or adultery. It does not matter if they are enacted in actuality; if it is in the mind and heart, it is just as sinful. From this inner source also comes sexual perversity – homosexuality, incest, paedophilia – you name it; if it is a sexual sin it can be attained. It does not take long to move from inward desires and lust to outward manifestations. All the while, it breaks God's taboo on human activity. And only God can remove what is a curse on the person.

The Christian who enters the wicked world of pornography will think and do whatever his unsaved peers will do. There is no difference, except that the Christian will try his very best to hide what he is really doing. This means he will be an hypocrite. Because what he thinks and does is evil, he will not speak truth to those around him. If he is a pastor, his heart will become colder with every day. The Christian will read his Bible less (if he read it at all beforehand), pray less, and do Christian things less. He will be cheating on his wife or girlfriend inwardly, and will be sorely tempted to express his fantasies outwardly. This is also how homosexuality begins – by choice.

His manner and heart will become frigid towards all things godly, resulting in bursts of anger, if not actual violence. He will try to practice fierce forms of sex with his wife or girlfriend; he will try to get them to do unnatural things; he will become more bizarre and perverted in his desires; he

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may even try to harm his own children or those in the family. This is because he will exceed any 'softer' forms of pornography, to try to reach a better 'high'... but each new form of sex leaves him wanting worse. His heart becomes totally corrupt and godless. I have seen it happen in pastors as well as ordinary men and women. What begins as a mild sexual arousal becomes a full-fledged godlessness in everything (see Romans 1).

Divorce often follows when a wife or husband discovers what his or her spouse is up to. By the time it is found out, it is usually too late to retrieve the marriage. And, very often, the one caught out will be unable to repent, because he has become so hardened to evil. Thus, he loses everything but his lust, and this will drive him to even lower forms of evil, including drink, drugs and violence. Even if repentant, such a person will require an immense strength to overcome what has now been imprinted in his brain and heart. If you are tempted – remember the consequences. And also remember that God may indeed give you over to your lusts, which can only end in despair and loss of holiness.

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