

# PORNOGRAPHY



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It's easy to get hooked on pornography. I know, I was one of those people who had become addicted to it. I was addicted to all kinds of pornography: reading material, pictures, videos, films, you name it. **As a male and a visual person pornography had a strangle hold on me.** I frequented adult book stores nearly every night. I was **always in fear** that someone I knew would see me in those places nevertheless because of my addiction I continued to take the chances of being seen. To make matters worse **I am a Christian in addition to being an evangelical minister.** For many years I felt helpless and often forsaken by God, though I know this is not true.

**If you are addicted to pornography I have great news for you.** *You can be helped!* Again, I know, for **I am living proof** that no one needs to be held in its enticing but deceptive deadly grip. Scripture instructs Christians thusly, ***“whatsoever is pure. . . let your mind dwell on these things” (Phil. 4:8) NASB.*** The King James Version puts it this way, ***“think on these things.”*** This biblical passage is ***a key to victory*** in overcoming the deadly addiction to pornography. Let's face it, **pornography is not pure. It is a form of mind pollution.** It is ***never*** satisfied.

The English word ***“pornography”*** is taken from a number of Greek words. These include:

- ✓ ***porne*** is fem. gender and means harlot, whore, an idolater.
- ✓  ***pornos*** is masc. gender and means an idolater or a male prostitute.
- ✓ ***porneia*** means adultery or incest.
- ✓ ***porneuo*** means to indulge in unlawful lust.

It is ***this last meaning*** that I am addressing in this folder. **I allowed lust** to get out-of-control in my life and then acted upon it in inappropriate ways.

Have you ever heard a person say or maybe you've said it yourself, ***“Pornography doesn't affect me.”*** Is this really true? Emphatically, ***‘NO!’*** People who say that pornography doesn't affect them are deceived. ***What-ever*** we allow to enter our minds either through our eyes or ears ***is*** indelibly retained. **I know this is so from personal experience.** I've been away from pornography for many years, yet some of those images still plague me. The apostle John wrote,

***“For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:16--17) NKJV.***

Let's face it, if we are really going to be honest: **pornography, whether hard-core or soft-core negatively affects us.** It's not a form of art as some would like us to believe. **Pornography glorifies sex to an unnatural state.** The sex act ***was never meant*** by God to be degraded and run through the gutter. **Sex was and is meant to be acted upon** as a meaningful, intimate expression between ***two people*** who bond themselves together in a committed relationship. Pornography especially ***degrades women*** to the point where they are chattels, mere objects to be used (misused) by men whose lustful nature is out-of-control. Pornography often gets into aspects of sex that are unnatural and unhealthy such as S&M, child-adult sex, bestiality, orgies, rape, etc. I am convinced that ***all forms*** of pornography are unhealthy, degrading and feed lust. **See - Gal. 5:16-21; Eph. 5:1-17.**

## SEX ACTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Some men have become addicted to pornography to the point that they **engage in sex acts in public places**, i.e., *parks, rest rooms, cars, theaters, etc.* The cubicles of most porno houses **reek of semen** that has been deposited there by men ***“getting off”*** with each other or by masturbating while watching the flicks. Actions like this are ***never*** honoring to the child of God. The more that a person is exposed to pornography the more that the individual becomes addicted to it. **Pornography feeds the lust that exists within every human heart.** ***Lust is never satisfied.*** Lust that is uncontrolled ***is*** an inner ***unquenchable fire*** that consumes and eventually destroys.

**Pornography is not harmless fantasy.** The Bible declares, ***“For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”*** In other words ***you are what you think about.*** Your thoughts ***cannot*** remain pure when you continue to fill your mind with impurity. **Sex acts begin first in our thoughts.** It has been said that ***the greatest sex organ is our minds.*** Scripture gives this warning,

***“You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant. If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life” (Gal. 6:7,8) CEV.***

In other words ***we harvest*** the kind of seed that we sow.

With the advent of the internet pornography has gained entrance into our homes. Young and old, married and single, men and women alike **are being deceived** and held in ***the stranglehold grip*** of various forms of pornography readily available on the internet.

If **you** are hooked on and addicted to pornography, don't despair. **There is hope.** I was there. Check out the following:

✓ **First be sure that you really are a Christian.** If not, this is the starting point. When a person is "**in**" Christ that person is given a new nature. **See** - 2 Cor. 5:17.

✓ **If you are a Christian allow Christ to be Lord of your life.** To be Lord means that He takes control: physical, emotional and spiritual control. **Allow** the Holy Spirit **to fill you.** Being filled with the Spirit needs to be **ongoing** in the believer's life. **See** - Eph. 5:18; Rom. 10:9,10; Rom. 12:1,2; Gal. 2:20.

✓ **Cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in your life.** Self-control is part of that fruit that God has for you. **See** - Galatians 5:22,23.

✓ **Take positive, affirmative action of your thoughts.** You will never experience victory over this or any other addiction **unless and until** you determine to take action yourself. St. Paul wrote, "**we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ**" (2 Cor. 10:5b). **There it is!** Decide to take control of your thought life. Remember, **you are not helpless.** God is on your side in this battle for control. God wills you to be an overcomer.

You need not be destroyed by mind pollution. You **do not** have to be defeated. Victory is found in Christ. **Pornography does not have to control and dominate your life.** If you are really serious then you must immediately **cease** from frequenting adult bookstores. **Quit** buying pornographic materials of whatever type they may be. **Stop sneaking off** to places that you know **are not** honoring God, places that destroy your witness. **Put a lid on those web sites** that you know feed lust. Por-

✓ **Pray daily for strength to overcome.**

***You can be victorious!*** Christ is on your side. Christ is with you. The Holy Spirit lives **in** you if you are a believer. Your body is the dwelling place of the Spirit of God. **I know what God can do.** We do not have to be defeated by pornography. Don't sell yourself short. In Christ, there is **a better way** of living life. A Christ-centered life is **the key.** A life free from guilt and shame is for each believer who is willing to yield to Christ. **Claim** the promise, "**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**" I've claimed the victory to overcome my addiction to pornography. *Am I ever tempted? **Yes!** Do I yield to the temptation? Not on your life. Don't accept **the lie** of the enemy who says that you are helpless. **You are not helpless.** Jeremiah wrote, "**Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?**" (Jer. 32:27)*

Overcoming pornography **is not** too hard for God to handle. Accept the victory that God wants you, if you are a believer, to have today!

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