

How Pornography Destroys God's Design for Sexuality

Text: Genesis 2:18-25

I. Introduction: Sex was created for intimacy between a husband and a wife.

A. God created sexuality. He created male and female.

B. If this is how God made us, then anything that perverts this purpose goes against the very nature of how we are created, doing harm to our constitution.

i. Romans 1:20-25

ii. Any kind of sex except within the boundaries of marriage degrades the human body.

*“The goal of sex is neither procreation nor recreation, but **unification**....*

Whenever we make orgasm the goal of sex, we fail to experience godly sex....

*Orgasm delights for a moment; **oneness** lasts for a lifetime.”* Tim Alan Gardner

iii. Pornography is the antithesis of what God created sexuality for.

“Pornography takes human sexuality out of its natural context—intimacy between two human beings—and makes it a product to be bought and sold. By debasing the human body and valuing it in the same way we would something from the local convenience store, pornography promotes a human being's sexuality as a product for consumption.” Williams Struthers (Wired for Intimacy)

“Pornography dishonors the image of God in an individual by treating him or her as a sexual object to be consumed directly or indirectly...The current porn industry has capitalized on the commercialization of human sexuality as a commodity just as prostitution does.” (Struthers)

a) Pornography corrupts the ability to be intimate.

“Pornography and our response to it alter our brain in a way that is difficult to undo. Pornography is the consumption of sexual poison that becomes part of the fabric of the mind.” (Struthers)

II. Pornography Promises Pleasure But Delivers Death

A. Pornography ingrains a consumer mentality into the person consuming.

B. Pornography enslaves into other kinds of sin, which you didn't think you were signing up for.

i. Pornography is not neutral.

“Porn is a whispered promise. It promises more sex, better sex, endless sex, sex on demand, more intense orgasms, experiences of transcendence. Time spent with porn prevents the user from engaging in real relationships with real people who can better meet their needs.” (Struthers)

ii. It is no accident that homosexuality is on the rise in a pornographic culture.

a) Romans 1:26-27

iii. Pornography is progressive in its enslavement, as it sears the conscience.

III. Christians Live in Another Day

A. We live in the Day... not the night.

i. **Ephesians 5:3-10**

a) Colossians 3:17

B. We have to change how we think... we can't **just** put fences up.

i. Fences are good... if they are safeguards to remind us.

ii. Renew the mind to pursue sexuality only as part of oneness with your wife.

iii. Take messages like Proverbs 5, 7 to come... listen over and over. The lie is constant... so must the truth be constant.

iv. Best advice to young men: Stay Away!