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Surviving The Storms of Life

Internet Pornography

- "...increased distribution means pornography is available in ways never before: cheaply or freely, with anonymity and unlimited access..."
- "Ever since the Internet made it so easy to access, there's no longer any stigma to porn."

Pamela Paul, "Pornified"

So How Did We Get Here?

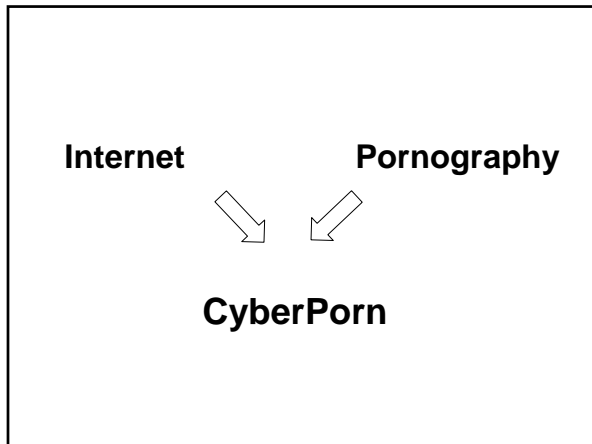
Are There Consequences?

A Brief History of Pornography

- An ancient scourge on society
- 1957 – Obscene Material *not* Protected.
- 1966 – Beginning of Modern Age of Porn.
- 1973 – *Miller v. California*
- 1996 – *Communications Decency Act*
- 1997 – Supreme Court Overturns CDA.

A Brief History of the Internet

- 1962 – Concept formed as a military project.
- 1968 – Four computers linked via ARPANET
- 1976 – "Internet" coined.
- 1979 – USENET created
- 1992 – WWW released.
- 2006 – Over 15 Billion host computers.



- ### CyberPorn
- 1970's – Digital pictures at BBS's
 - 1979 – USENET allows mass viewing.
 - 1992 – Consumer use of WWW grows including pornographic materials.
 - 2003 – A massive industry.

- ### CyberPorn: By The Numbers
- \$2,500,000,000 annually
 - 4,200,000 porn websites (12%), 372 million pages.
 - 72 million visitors/day
 - 40 million "routine" visitors
 - 2.5 billion pornographic emails/day
 - 70% men, 41% women (Elle-MSNBC poll)

From Prevalence
To
Problem

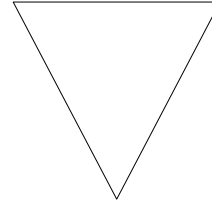
- ### Power of CyberPorn
- Anonymous
 - Free / Cheap
 - Instant Gratification
 - Harmless???
 - Fantasy

- ### Here & Now Problems
- Pornography is Biblically wrong
 - Pornography steals intimacy from one's spouse
 - Pornography causes erroneous comparisons
 - 34% of women see pornography as cheating in absolutely all cases. 13% of men. (Elle-MSNBC poll)

- “Among couples with children, 37 percent reported that children lost parental time and attention due to a parent’s online sexual activities...”

Elle-MSNBC

More, More & Even More



Curiosity

“Particularly on the internet, men find themselves veering off into pornographic arenas they never thought they would find appealing.”

Paul, Pornified

Is There Any Word From
God?

Matthew 5:27, 28

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

(ESV)

Adultery

- Exodus 20:14 – Violated 10 Commandments.
- Exodus 20:17 – A Form of Covetousness.
- Leviticus 20:10 – Worthy of Death.
- Proverbs 6:32 – Destroys the Soul.
- Galatians 5:19 – A work of the Flesh.
- Revelation 2:22 – Cause of Eternal Tribulation.

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

- “own wife” - *not someone else, not someone to share*
- “own body” – *actually belong to the spouse*
- “defraud not” -- *do not withhold from one another*

“No wife should be made to share the intimacy of her marriage bed with some shameless porn model.”

Arterburn, Stoeker, Yorkey, *Everyman's Battle*, pg. 69

Galatians 6:7,8

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

What do We Reap?

- Eternal Damnation for Yourself.
- Stolen Intimacy from Your Spouse.
- Distrust.
- Shame, Humiliation (You will get caught!)
- Shattered Home.
- Estranged Children
- Lost Children

Now What?

Job 31:1

I made a covenant with mine eyes; why
then should I think upon a maid?

4 Tips To Freedom

1. Confess
2. Covenant
3. Confer
4. Control