

The Plague of Pornography

A recent study by the Barna Group¹ found that teens and young adults tend to think that not recycling is morally worse than viewing pornography. This shows just how upside-down morality has become in modern America.

Young people are getting this morality through what they are being taught in the culture, so it is time for Christians and the church to be more vigorous in our teaching against pornography. This sin has become a plague on this nation, and it is affecting many Christians. We must not let it go on unopposed.

The Bible's teaching on this matter is clear. Jesus addressed it in Matthew 5:27-29 when He said,

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’; ²⁸but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.”

These words show that a lustful eye will lead a soul to hell if not controlled. The eye is like a pipeline directly to the heart, and what enters the eye can quickly fill the heart. In Luke 11:34-35, Jesus said,

³⁴“The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.”

If your eyes are fixed on a woman who is not your wife, then thoughts of fornication and adultery will likely fill your heart.

Therefore, take control of your eyes. Be like Job and make a covenant with your eyes not to gaze on a woman who is not your wife (Job 31:1). Make the resolution of Psalm 101:3:

I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not fasten its grip on me. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil.

Turn away from pornographic images and videos, and keep in mind the instruction of Proverbs 6:25:

Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you with her eyelids.

Take control of your eyes, and take control of your heart. Don't let pornography pull you into hell.

Psalm 119:9 – How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

¹ <https://www.barna.org/research/culture-media/research-release/teens-young-adults-use-porn-more-than-anyone-else#.VrtRRpX2amQ>