

Persons or Sex Objects (part 3)
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Pornography is Anti-Sex!

We must not view sex as evil in itself, but as a power God has entrusted to us for our enjoyment and His creative purposes. Pornography is to sex what inflation is to currency, it depreciates it. This is why those who are pursuing pornography more are enjoying it less. All of us long to be known, to be accepted just as we are and for always. However, pornography with its depersonalized version of sex, makes true love impossible. Sex separated from deep love and commitment is inferior sex-physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Dr. Victor Cline, from the University of Utah, traces a pattern showing the psychological effects of pornography.

a. Addiction. Behind every addiction lurks a strong urge to gain pleasure and/or avoid physical or emotional pain. Pornography is analogous to heroin or morphine. Viewers keep coming back for more and more.

b. Escalation. Sexual highs become even more difficult to attain and require more bizarre simulation in order to achieve pleasure. Promiscuousness has cut its own throat because when you go as far as you can, how much farther can you go?

c. Desensitization. Psychiatrist Ed. Donnerstein warns that “desensitization takes place when humiliation and impersonalization of women are now seen as acceptable behavior.” What was initially shocking and repulsive, becomes commonplace and even accepted.

d. Acting out. Pornographic materials have been proven to serve as effective “how to manuals,” leading to sex crimes and deviant behavior. Charles Keating, a member of the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography tells how Police Vice Squads report that 77% of child molesters of boys, 87% of girls and 57% of rapists indicated they had tried out the sexual behavior set forth in pornography.

As parents, professionals, educators and lawmakers we must do more to protect our defenseless children from making irremediable mistakes. Canada could follow Britain's action and require Internet companies to block access to pornography, unless customers opt out. Also, parents must take responsibility in these areas. We need to talk to kids, and do more to provide wholesome and meaningful substitutes- overcome evil with good, the negative with the positive. This is a moment when silence is not golden.

God is no kill-joy! It is precisely because sex is so beautiful that God the creator, has given us the Makers Instruction’s”. The Biblical standard is: “Purity before marriage and faithfulness within marriage.” The best defense against subtle sexual seductions and temptations can be overcome through a meaningful, erotic

relationship between husband and wife. Why go out for hamburgers when you can have steak at home?

J.D. Unwin, world famous anthropologist, made an exhaustive study of 88 world civilizations. He discovered that each culture began with a strict code of sexual conduct and ended with the demand for complete freedom to express individual gratification. Dr. Unwin reports that every society which extended sexual permissiveness to its people was soon to perish. There have been no exceptions!