

“Be Careful Little Eyes”

The English word “pornography” is not in the Bible, but illicit sex is often addressed in God’s word. Pornography is defined as, “Obscene literature, art, or photography. Greek, pornograph(os), writing or writer about harlots” (RHCD). The term entails visual (grapho) fornication (proneia).

Pornography appeals to a base desire, which the Creator has forbidden. Pornography is designed to excite sexual desire for unlawful sexual partners. Jesus said, “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matt 5:28). He then instructed to take whatever extreme measures were necessary to prevent such lusts. Why? Those who are sexually immoral cannot inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:9-10).

As indicated by Jesus, sexual immorality begins in the heart. In another passage He explained, “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders” (Mark 7:21-23).

The *personal choice* to view pornography may be responsible for more ruined marriages, out of wedlock pregnancies, abortions, and the spread of venereal diseases than any other influence aside from alcohol abuse. **It is absurd to blame former Present Bush, who promoted sexual abstinence outside marriage, for these social ills among teens.**

Pornography is involved in the succinct warning, “Flee sexual immorality” (1 Cor 6:18). In addition to the avoidance of pornography, the Christian is to subject His thoughts to the will of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Finally, Paul commanded, “Whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things (Phil 4: 8).

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