



The Pornography Pandemic

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God's Views on Sex outside of Marriage (OT)

Death Penalty for:

Incest: Lev. 18:1-18

Adultery: Lev. 19-22

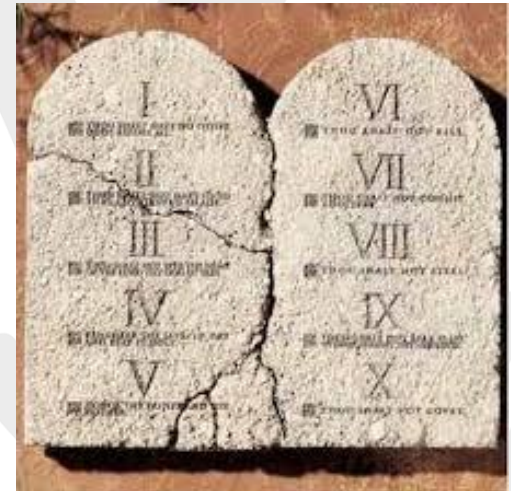
Rape: Deut. 22:22-29

Whoredom: Ex. 22:16,17; **Deut. 23:17**

Bestiality: **Lev. 20:15, 16**

Sodomy: **Lev. 20:12**

Non-virgin bride: **Deut. 22:13-21**



“Thou shalt not commit adultery” (Ex. 20)



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New Testament

Lust: **Matt. 5:27-30**

Fornication: **Matt. 5:32; 15:29; Rom. 1:29; I Cor. 6:9**

Adultery: **Rom. 13:9**

Lasciviousness: **I Pet. 4:3-4**

Such like: **Gal. 5:21**

Concept of “bastard”: **Heb. 12:8**

Whoremonger: **I Tim. 1:9-11; Heb. 13:4**

Sodomy: **Rom. 1:26-28; 31-32**

Flee fornication: **I Cor. 6:18-20**

Possess your vessel in honor: **I Thess. 4:3-8**



The Fantasy is not the Reality

Consider the bad advice of Jonadab (II Sam. 12:2-15)
Nobody is the same after a sexual sin.



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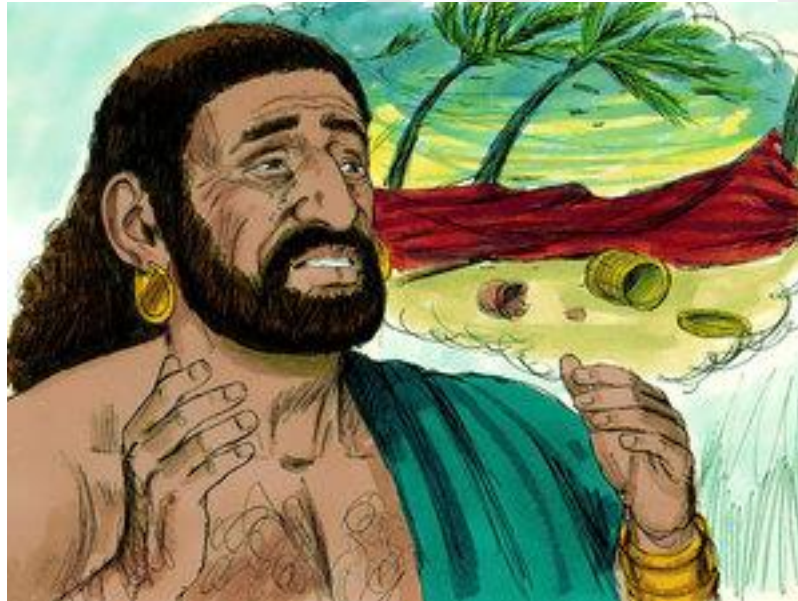
First listen to God on this:

- Works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)
- Without natural affection (Rom. 1:31,32)
- Looking to lust (Matt. 5:27-30)
- Eyes full of adultery...cannot cease from sin (II Pet. 2:14)
- “Evil men and seducers shall was worse and worse.” (II Tim. 3:13)
- “Entice unsteadfast souls” (II Peter 2:12-22)



Job's covenant

Job 31:1-4 – “I have made a covenant with my eyes not to look upon a maiden.”

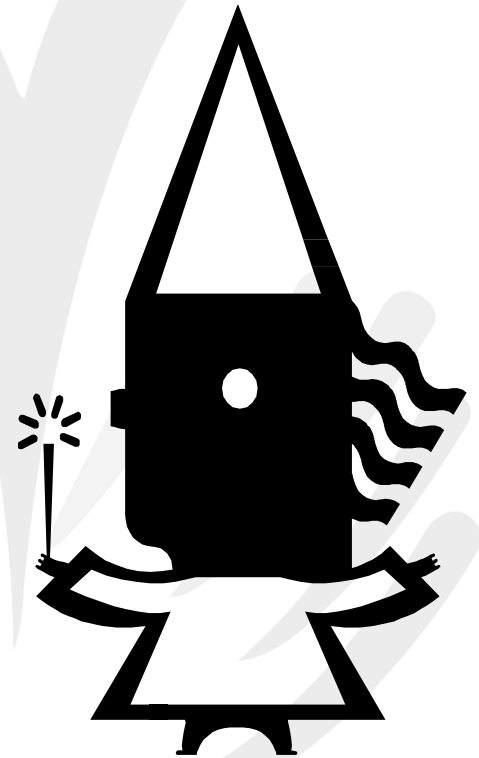


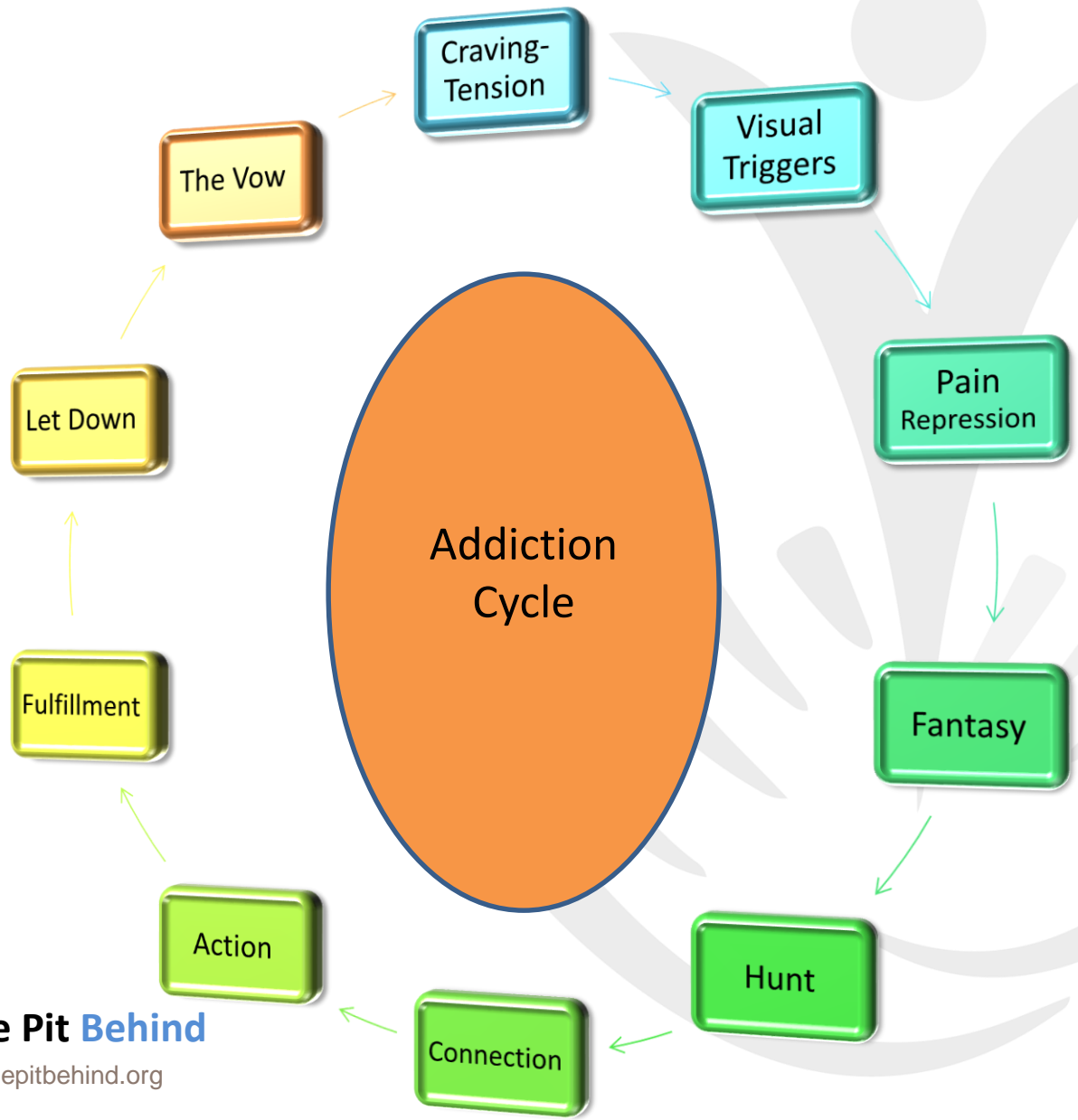
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Myths/Denial about Pornography

- Justifies Sex with Self and lust
- Doesn't hurt anyone, even me
- Helps stimulate marital sex
- It's not real life
- Can stop whenever I want
- No consequences
- Just a game-virtual reality
- Satisfies curiosity





The Role of Sex With Self

- Self Soothing
- Release of Tension
- Release of Stress
- Means to alter a bad mood
- A way to punish someone
- An escape from difficult relationships
- An escape from boredom
- Chasing the orgasmic high



Spiritual Impact

- God intends sexual expression to be only in the marriage relationship
- Sexuality is not a selfish act, it's purpose is to build up the marriage relationship
- Pornography is a form of infidelity/adultery against a marital partner



Spiritual Impact

- Porn and self stimulation are disrespectful uses of the temple of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:1-2, Gen. 38:9)
- Self stimulation is devaluing the seed of life
- Porn and self stimulation increase guilt and shame in relating to God



Spiritual Impact

- “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you abstain from fornication; that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel and sanctification and honor, not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who know not God; that no man transgress and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we forewarned you.”

(1 Thessalonians 4:3-6)



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Spiritual Impact

- “Flee fornication, every sin that a man does is without the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body...”
1 Corinthians 6:18
- Turn to Matthew 5:27-32, especially verses 29-30 (note the progression from lust to divorce)



YOUR SEXUALITY AND YOUR SPIRITUALITY ARE INSEPARABLE

- **Sex and Spirituality are interlinked, not one behind closed doors and the other in public.**
- **Result of fragmented thinking is this: “We commit our life to Christ, but we reserve our sexuality for our self.”**
- **Hebrew word for sexual intimacy between a husband and a wife is “yada”. Used 940 times in O.T.**
- **The most frequent use describes intimacy with God (Psalm 139:1; Prov. 3:6; Exodus 33:12-13, et al)**



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- **Strong connection between our sexuality and our spirituality – that sexual choices have spiritual consequences (1 Cor. 6:15-20)**
- **In the midst of saying the two shall be one, Paul says this is a great mystery. What is the mystery? The comparison? (Eph. 5)**



What is Intimacy?

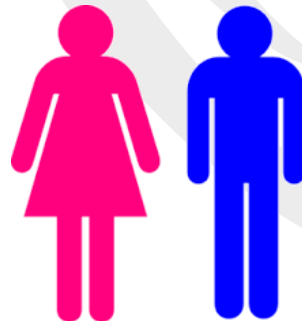
- **Intimacy is that human longing to be known, cherished, valued and loved. No amount of sex can compensate for a lack of intimacy.**
- **Hundreds of Christians are struggling with sexual issues**
- **In the silence of the church, they are left to sort through harrowing experiences like childhood sexual abuse, exposure to porn, raging temptation, homosexual thoughts and betrayal in marriage.**



Understanding the physical drive

Both

- **Paul assumes that both the husband and wife have sexual needs (1 Cor. 7:3-5a)**
- **Have you and your spouse talked about the issue of frequency? What satisfies? How to explore each other? Repentance for violations before marriage? Guilt and shame issues?**
- **Pushing each other away is not a healthy form of communication. It leaves one or both feeling rejection, frustrated and often angry. A powder keg.**



Sexual Outlets

- Those introduced to porn as boys and girls and are diverted to porn throughout their teen and young adult life have often seared their brain with images that keep re-appearing in marriage even years later.
- Past sexual exposure has trained the brain to respond to more and more graphic sexual stimuli, so that one is unable to enjoy normal sex with his/her spouse.



RESOURCES

- Leaving The Pit Behind
- Faithful and True
- Pine Grove
- Covenant Eyes
- Support Groups:
Congregational
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RESOURCES

- Ever Accountable
- Sanon
- Accountability Partners
- Individual Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Recovery Retreats

