

Championing Sexual Purity in an age of Pornography

What can the Church do?

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The Church has always tacked the idols of the day - Acts 19

²³ About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. ²⁴ A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. ²⁵ He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: "You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. ²⁶ And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. ²⁷ There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

²⁸ When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together. ³⁰ Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. ³¹ Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater. ³² The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. ³³ The Jews in the crowd pushed Alexander to the front, and they shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. ³⁴ But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

Consequences of challenging the idols

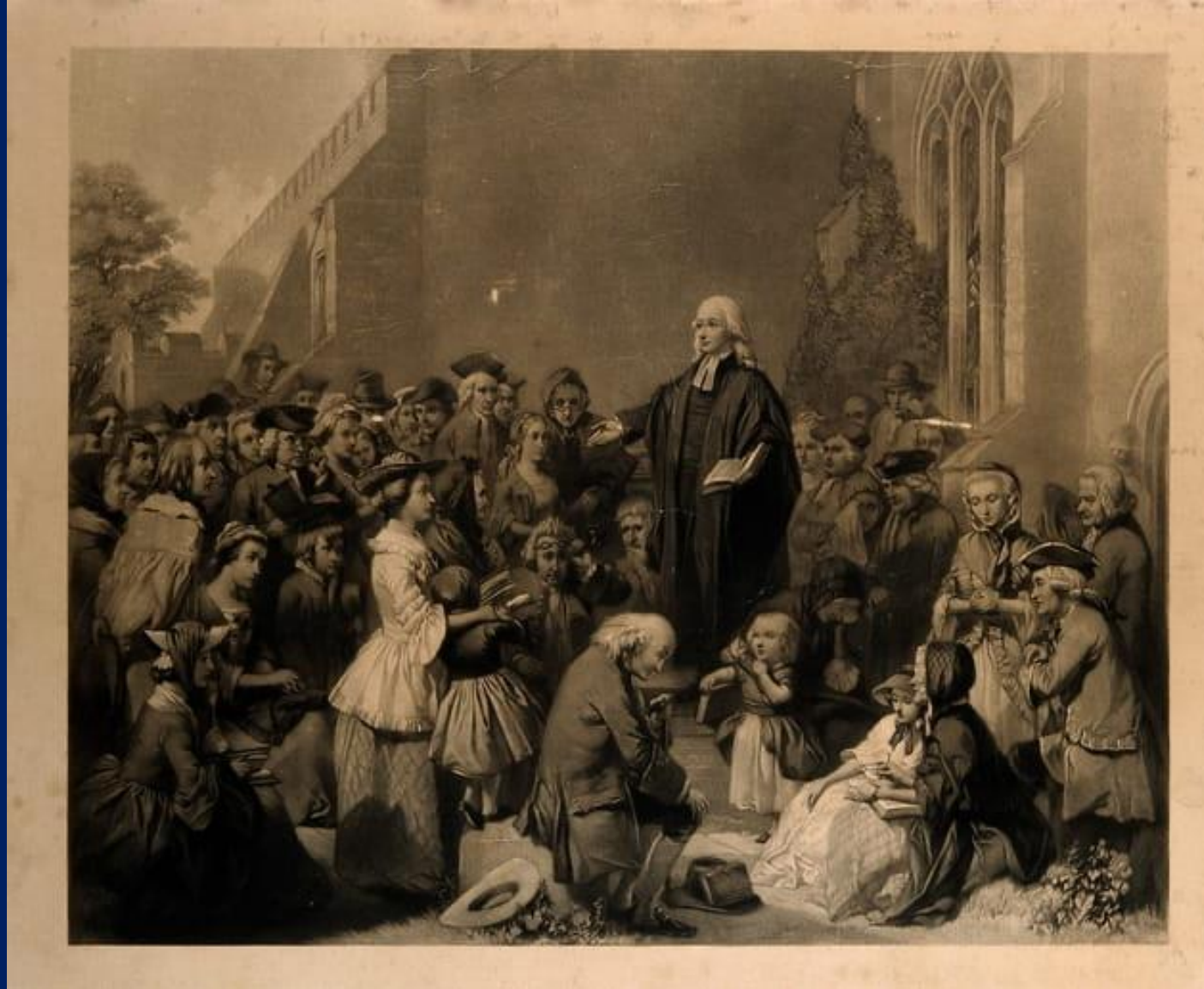
1. The suppliers /drug dealers – will react badly.
2. The drug users – most will not give up – and those that do – there will be a lengthy struggle.
3. When the idol has been deposed or the drug taken away - the void must be filled quickly. Only the Church has the answer.



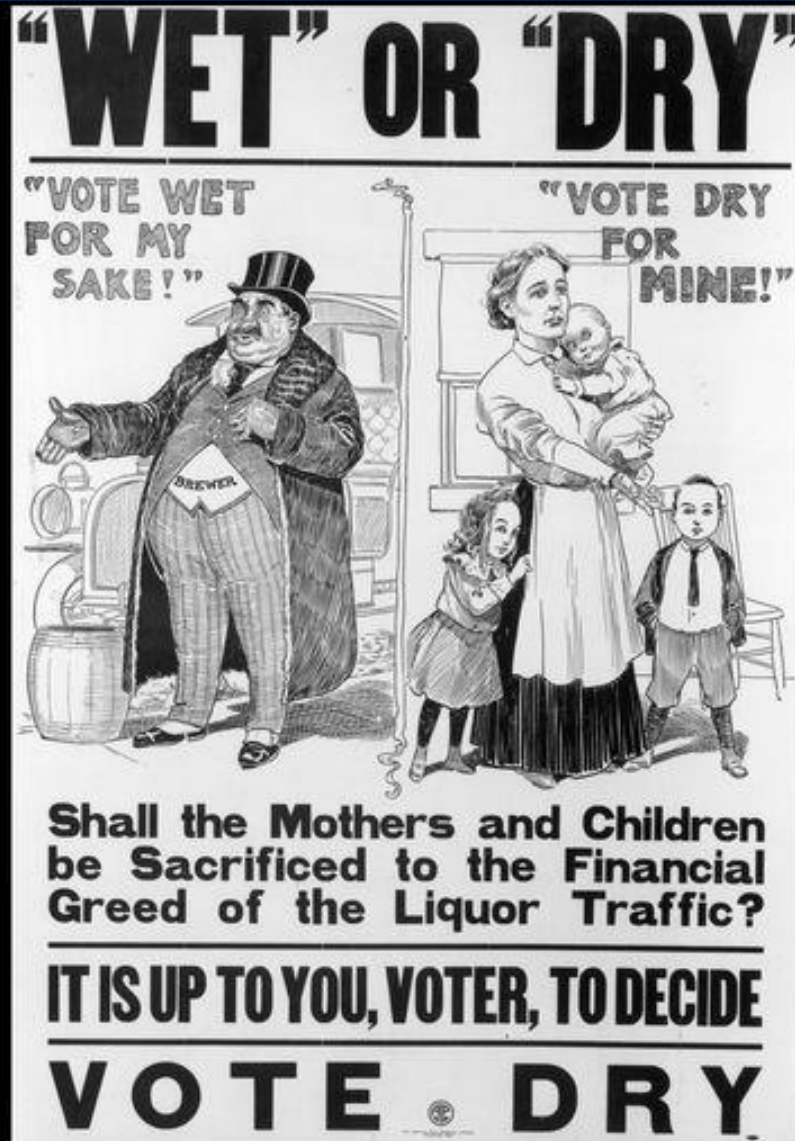
For many years, the idol of choice was alcohol



The Methodists – John Wesley 1703 to 1791



Temperance movement in the United Kingdom




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Young people turning their backs on alcohol

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Fall in alcohol related crime

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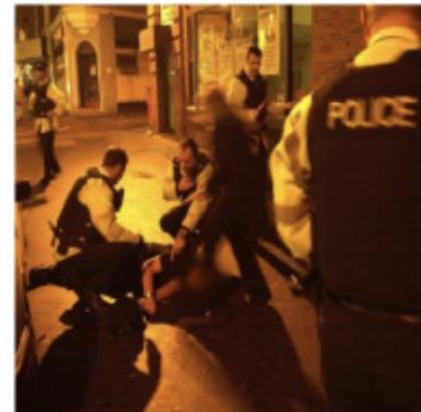
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Declining alcohol-related violence - an effect of consumption falls? Crime Survey 2017

The latest figures from the [Crime Survey for England and Wales \(CSEW\)](#) indicate a fall in the number of violent offences where the victim believed the perpetrator to be under the influence of alcohol. For the year ending March 2017, 40% of victims believed the perpetrator(s) to be under the influence of alcohol versus **53% in 2013/14**.



However sex offending is going up



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Latest crime figures show 14% increase in sexual offences reported to police

24 Jan 2019

[The Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) has released its latest data on crime in England and Wales, which cover the year ending September 2018.](#)

The figures confirm that sexual offences reported to the police are still on the increase, continuing a trend that has lasted over four years.

The statistics reveal reported rapes increased by 16% over the year, and sexual assaults by 13%. This amounts to an overall 14% increase in police-recorded sexual offences.

The ONS suggests this increase is most likely a result of both better recording practices on the part of many police forces, which had previously been found inadequate by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), and increased willingness of victims and survivors of these offences to report, rather than a rise in the number of sexual offences being perpetrated. The latest Crime Survey for England & Wales (CSEW) figures, to March

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Porn is the new Alcohol




How bad is the problem?

In 2014, the Barna Group conducted a pornography survey that found that

- 79% of 18-30 year-old Christian men view porn monthly
- 37% of Christian men view porn several times a week.
- April 2016 Time magazine reported, "Today more than 100 million people in the U.S. visit adult sites monthly."

Prosecutions for child abuse images has doubled in 10 years

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The number of prosecutions over sick images has more than doubled in the last decade.

New Ministry of Justice data shows that 64 Wiltshire Police cases related to the viewing of indecent images of children resulted in prosecutions last year.

It is more than double the 29 cases that made it to court in 2008.

The campaign group Justice says a surge in sexual offence allegations has put increasing pressure on courts, and has called for first-time offenders who look at such material to attend educational programmes instead of being charged.

But the NSPCC warned that prison must remain an option for people who view sick images.

A spokesperson for the charity said

"Viewing such sick images is a crime and prison must remain an option to reflect the severity of it and to protect the public."

"But we know that prison alone cannot solve the situation and we must make prevention and rehabilitation a priority to avoid abuse happening in the first place."

The number of prosecutions in Wiltshire last year reflected a fall from 2017, when 102 were recorded. Across England and Wales, they fell by 28%.

Commenting on the national figures, a spokesperson for the Crown Prosecution Service said:

"Possessing indecent images of children is a serious offence and we will always seek to bring charges where there is enough evidence and it is in the public interest to do so."

A Government spokesperson said offenders who view, but don't create or share, indecent images of children can already be given cautions with tough conditions attached by the police, if prosecutors agree.

Porn addiction has serious consequences - Criminal Charges

Most common matters dealt with -

- Possession of indecent images of children.
- Possession of extreme pornographic images.
- Voyeurism – filming women in private.
- Outraging public decency – usually up skirting and masturbating in public.
- Exposure.
- Meeting a child following sexual grooming.
- Sexual assault – usually of children.

What can the church do?

Present the cross - this is the only solution for man's problem.

The cross made no compromise, modified nothing, spared nothing; it slew all of the man, completely and for good. It did not try to keep on good terms with its victim. It struck cruel and hard, and when it had finished its work, the man was no more. [Gallagher, Steve.]

I learned that we are all in the process of becoming in experience, who we already are in Christ by position. [Solomon, Charles]



What can the church do?

1. Don't have preconceived ideas and show love to all

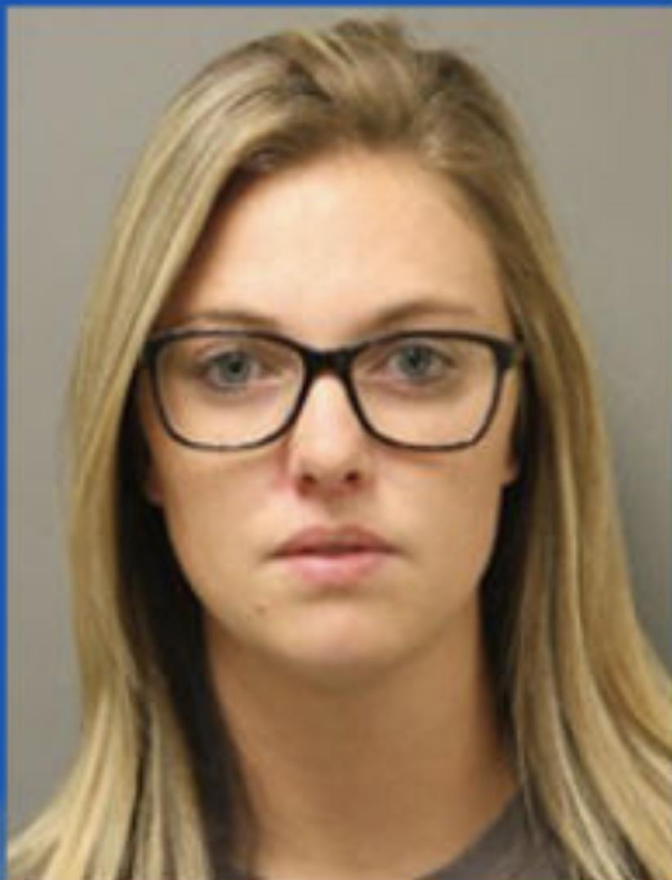
James 2

2 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

What do sex offenders and porn addicts look like?



Who they can be



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What can the church do?

2. Recognise how little we know. Encourage people to get the right help. Don't be judgmental.

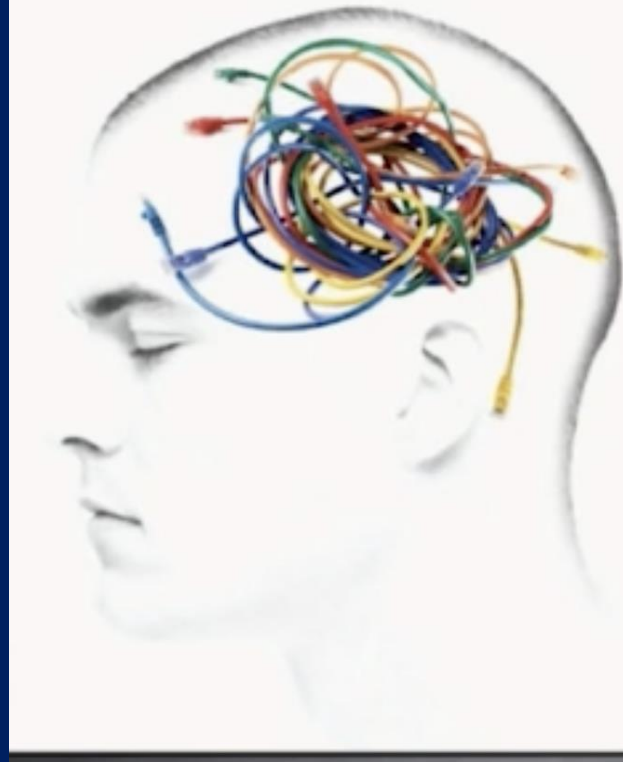
James 1 v 19

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Porn is just the manifestation of the problem.

Wired for Intimacy

Wired for Intimacy. How pornography hijacks the male brain. By William M. Struthers.

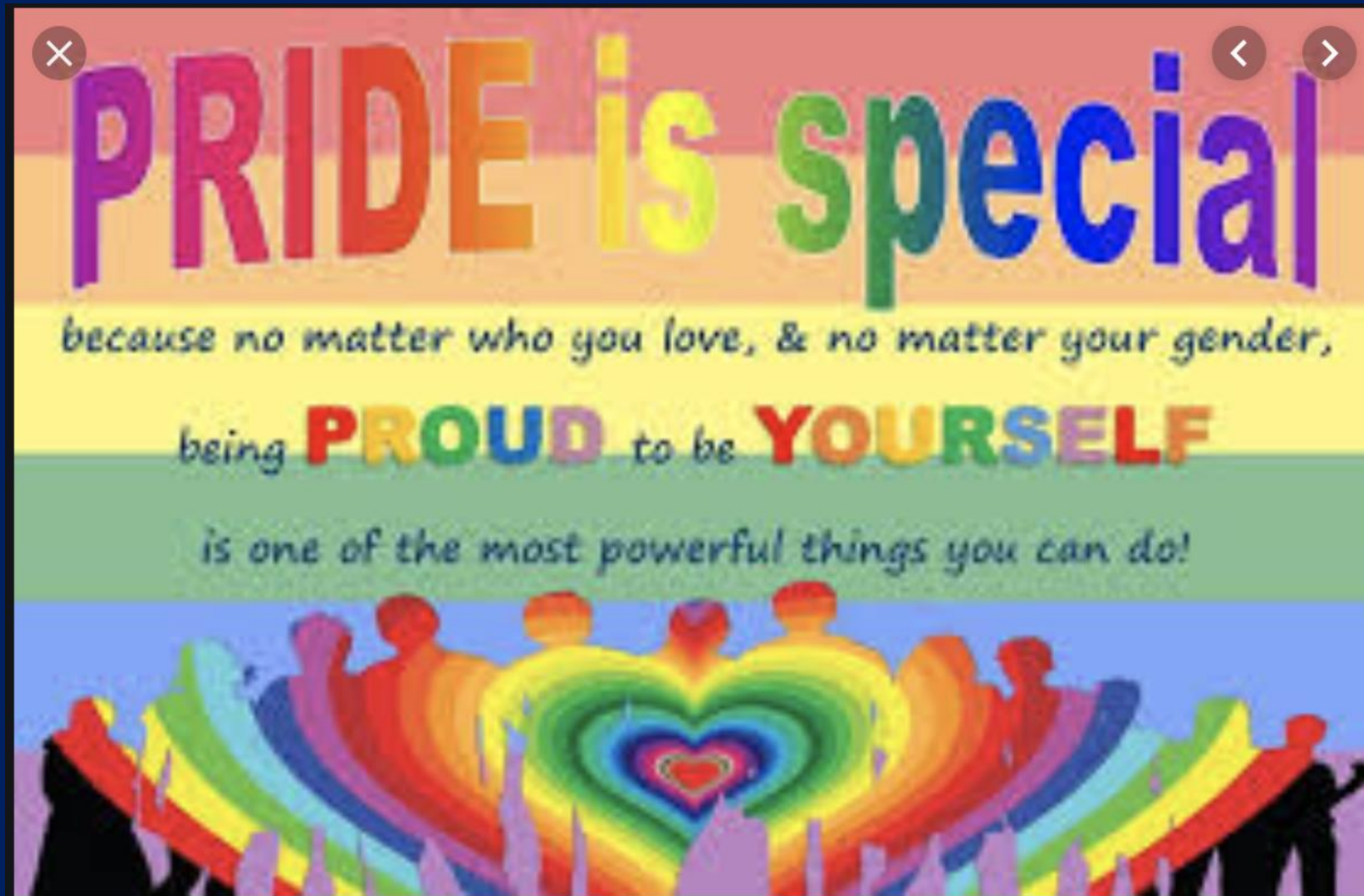


In the New Testament there are twenty-six references to porneia. Of these twenty-six, six occur in Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Our bodies are not made for porneia (1 Cor. 6:13), we should run from it (1 Cor. 6:18), we should not seek it out (1 Cor. 7:2) and we should repent if we fall prey to it (2 Cor. 12:21)

EARLY LIFE EXPERIENCE (of abuse, neglect, confusion, disruption)



The world's solutions – lack of self esteem – pride



What can the church do?

3. Address the root causes

Revelation 2 v 6 - Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

Where is our primary identity?

The problem is that most people are living out of the wrong identity—the one shaped by being “conformed to this world” rather than by being “transformed by the renewing of [their] minds” (Rom. 12:2).

....the identity we have been assigned by others or the one that we have built for ourselves, positive or negative, will have a great influence on the decisions we make and the way we relate to others.

....the way of the Cross through death and resurrection with Christ. The reality of this does not have to take years and years after conversion. We may realize at the new birth that not only was he crucified for us but that we were crucified with him.

Solomon, Charles R

Psalm 139: 13-16
1 Thessalonians 5:23



OTHERS

Psychological=**SOUL**:

WILL--- Decider *INFUSION*

Mind – Thinker *CONTROL*

Emotions– Feeler *AFFECTION*

SPIRIT=Spiritual=Pneumatic

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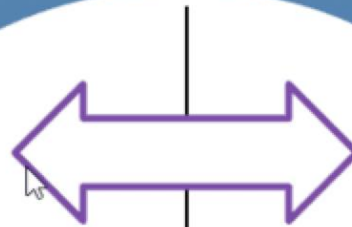
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True Identity in Christ

We may think too much of ourselves or too little. In either case, it is an identity built on people (positive or negative), performance (good or bad), possessions (little or much), power (or lack thereof), and our past (good or bad). Such an identity is based on doing for ourselves, others, and God in our own strength. In other words, we are doing (or not doing) in order to be.

The identity delineated in the Scriptures has nothing to do with the way we see ourselves in relation to others or what our behavior is or has been; **it is an identity based on being in Christ** and finding our life in him. Any performance involved is his performance at Calvary; on our part, it is being instead of doing. In other words, **as we identify ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, we begin to live out of our new and true identity in him.**

Solomon, Charles R

Failure to engage in Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6 v 12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



Giving Footholds to the enemy - On D-Day, the Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy. It was critical that they establish a beachhead, that is, a foothold on the beach that would allow them to set up a staging area to bring more men and equipment in for the battle. From that tiny foothold the Allied forces were able to push inland in an effort to liberate France



²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”^[d]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Biggest foothold –
unforgiveness

They need to maintain the warfare

Jay Adams

Counselors must recognize that too many Christians give up. They want the change too soon. What they really want is change without the daily struggle.

Sometimes they give up when they are on the very threshold of success.

They stop before receiving. It usually takes at least three weeks of proper daily effort for one to feel comfortable in performing a new practice. And it takes about three more weeks to make the practice part of oneself.

Yet, many Christians do not continue even for three days. If they do not receive instant success, they get discouraged. They want what they want now, and if they don't get it now, they quit... We have seen, therefore, that breaking a habit is a two-sided enterprise that requires regular, structured endurance in putting off and putting on.

Dehabituation is more than that; it also involves rehabituation. When a counselee turns his back upon his old ways, at the same time he must turn to face God's new ones.

Objectification of Women



80% of woman felt bad about themselves when they look in a mirror

Society says "Your not enough and your in need of alteration"

look at your social media. Are you the kind of girl you used to be before you went online?



Sarah Dubbeldam: Real Not Retouched



QIdeas.org

What stops us entering into the abundant life? Fear - of losing the old identity in exchange for the new

During the wilderness period, we more or less coexist with Satan. He doesn't bother us very much because we are hardly worth his notice. Self is doing an excellent job of keeping things in a mess, so Satan just sits back and says, "Go to it, Self!"

Solomon, Charles



What can the church do?

4. Make church a visual Oasis

1 Corinthians 6 v 9

Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

It isn't just about online porn – the problem is a lot bigger than that.

2 main types of lust:

1. Reactive.
2. Proactive.

.....pictures men must face is the skimpy attire young girls wear. Fashion designers, like Abercrombie & Fitch, compete with each other to market the **sexiest lines of clothing to teens**. What guy can go out in public during warm weather and not be accosted by navels, low-cut blouses, skin-tight jeans or mini-skirts? Jaded young girls have come to understand that the more revealing their clothes, the more they will be noticed.

Female prison visitors forced to cover up by 'cleavage police'

A number of prisons have launched dress codes for prisoners' wives, girlfriends and relatives – which say breasts must be appropriately covered

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By **Keith Perry**
22:00, 6 MAY 2017

NEWS

revealing shorts

halter tops

bathing suits

see-through garments of any type

crop tops

low-cut blouses or dresses

leotards

spandex

miniskirts

backless tops

hats or caps

sleeveless garments

skirts two inches or more above the knee

dresses or skirts with a high-cut split in the back, front, or side

clothing that looks like inmate clothing (khaki or green military-type

Tops:

- No cropped tops
- No vests
- No bandeau tops
- No off shoulder tops
- No one shoulder tops
- No low cut tops
- No Halter neck tops
- No backless tops
- No football or sports tops with team logos
- No sheer/ see through blouse

Bottom half:

- No multiple pairs of trousers/leggings
- Strictly no rips/tears/holes above the knee including pockets
- No skirts/dresses or shorts above the knees

'Men might have lustful thoughts': Meet the married woman who has vowed not to wear leggings in public after husband admits 'it's hard not to look'

- Veronica Partridge is a 25-year-old Christian wife and mother-of-one
- Her husband Dale Partridge recently admitted that leggings-clad women make it difficult to 'keep his eyes focused ahead'
- Mrs Partridge now only wears 'thin, form-fitting' pants at home, or with shirts long enough to cover her 'rear end'

By [ANNABEL FENWICK ELLIOT FOR DAILYMMAIL.COM](#)

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A married woman has outlined her decision to stop wearing leggings or 'thin, form-fitting yoga pants' in public, for fear of 'enticing' men.

'[Wearing leggings] creates a stronger attraction for a man to look at a woman's body and may cause them to think lustful thoughts,' writes Veronica Partridge, a 25-year-old Christian mother-of-one based in Bend, Oregon, on her namesake [blog](#).

Mrs Partridge came to this decision after her husband of five years, motivational speaker Dale Partridge, admitted it was 'hard' not to look at other woman when they



Vow: Mom Veronica Partridge - pictured (left) with her husband Dale Partridge (right) - has outlined her decision to stop wearing leggings or 'thin, form-fitting yoga pants' in public, for fear of 'enticing' men

According to Mrs Partridge, who is undeniably blessed in the looks department, it's a conviction that has been 'weighing heavy' on her heart for months.

'I tried ignoring it for as long as I could,' she writes before describing that God 'changed her heart.'

She later asked her husband whether it was possible that leggings could cause a man other than him to 'think lustfully' about her body.

"It's hard to not look. I don't, but it's not easy"

What can the church do?

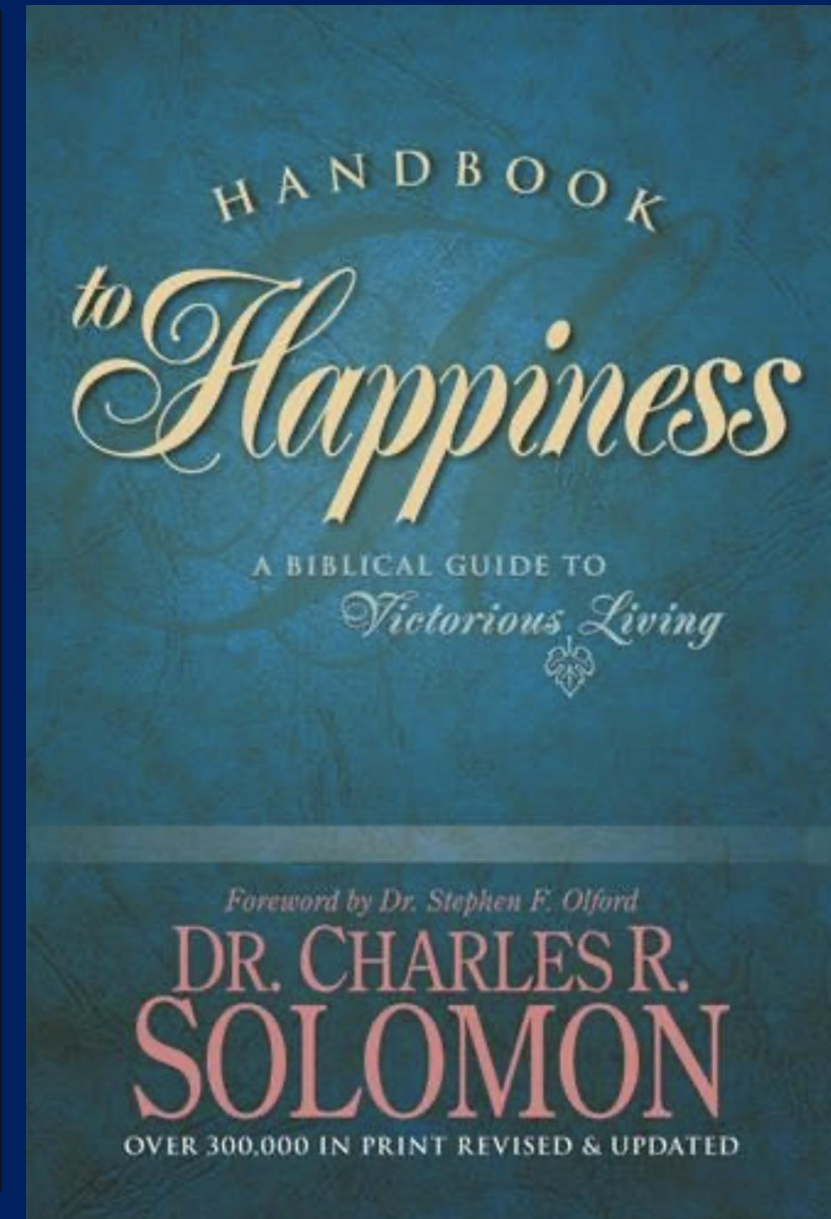
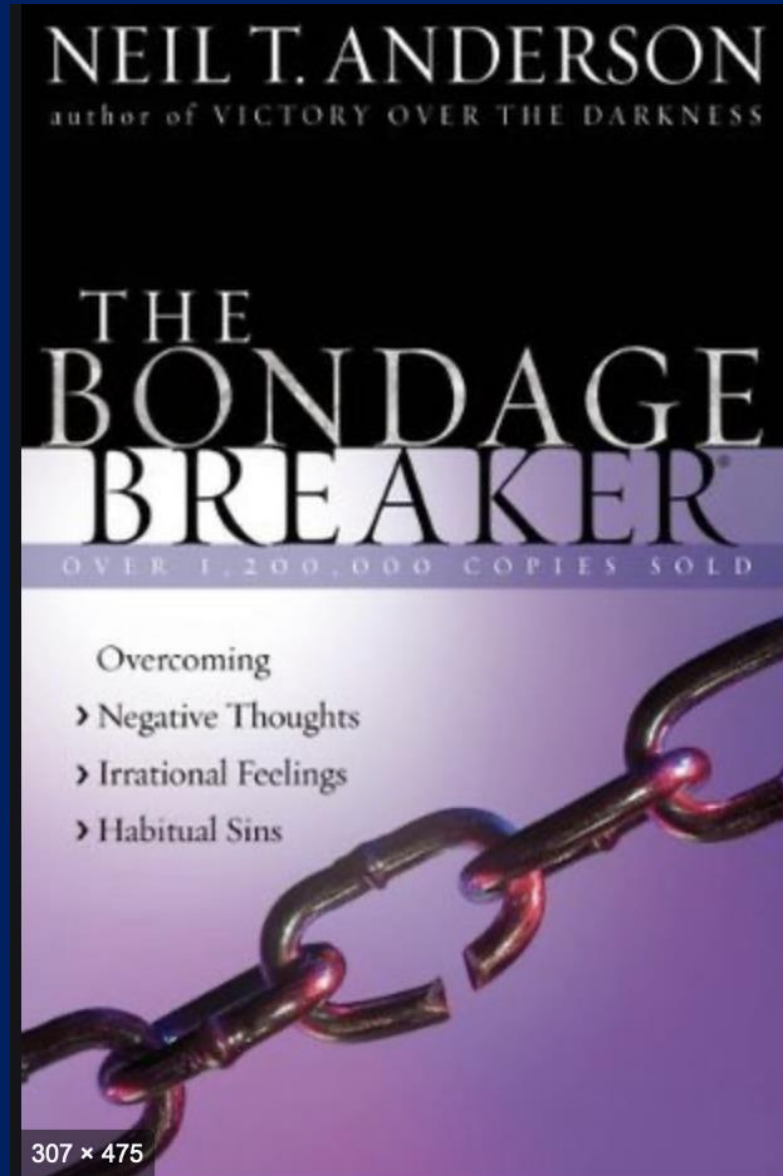
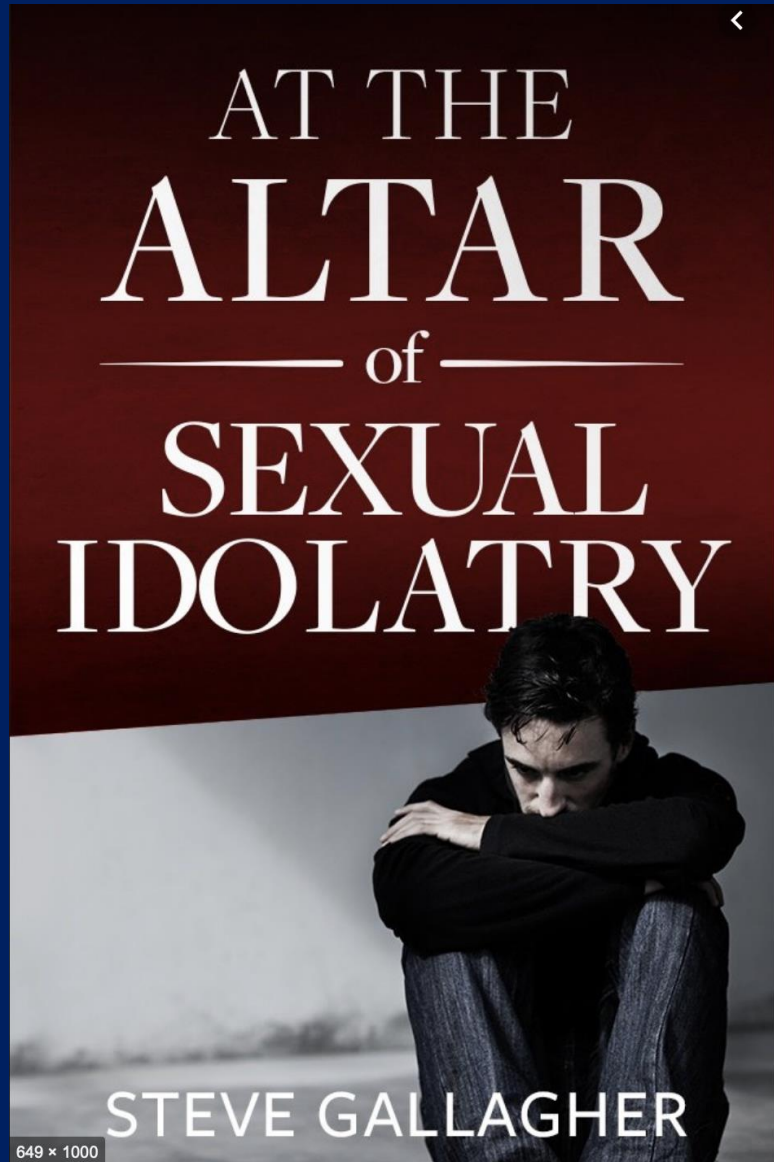
5. Offer the appropriate corporate help.

Have hope – because Jesus is the answer

Regular Church attendees are 26% less likely to look at Pornography.

- Offer the appropriate resources.
- Put on good courses – Freedom in Christ
- Sex offenders - Don't ask people what they have been inside for.
- Be careful – if someone has sexual convictions:
 - Safeguarding officer should be notified.
 - Local PPU officer should be notified.

There are great resources out there



What can the church do?

6. Disciple someone – helping individuals

James 5 v 16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

What is a detox



Anything designed to make you respond to sexually...

Magazines

TV, Movies

Social Media (facebook, twitter etc)

Internet Pornography

Thought life

Online Chat

Sexting

greater sexual deviance: strip joints,
massage parlours, escorts, one night stands

...

John Piper



The closer I get to death and meeting Jesus personally face to face, and giving an account for my life and for the careless words that I have spoken (Matthew 12:36), the more sure I am of my resolve never intentionally to look at a television show or a movie or a website or a magazine where I know I will see photos or films of nudity. Never. That is my resolve. And the closer I get to death, the better I feel about that, and the more committed I become.

12 Questions to Ask Before You Watch 'Game of Thrones'

June 20, 2014



"Pastor John, do you believe there is a difference between film nudity versus pornography? I know many Christians who are against porn, but they have no issue watching movies or TV shows that show graphic nudity." A young woman named Emily recently emailed this question to the Ask Pastor John inbox.

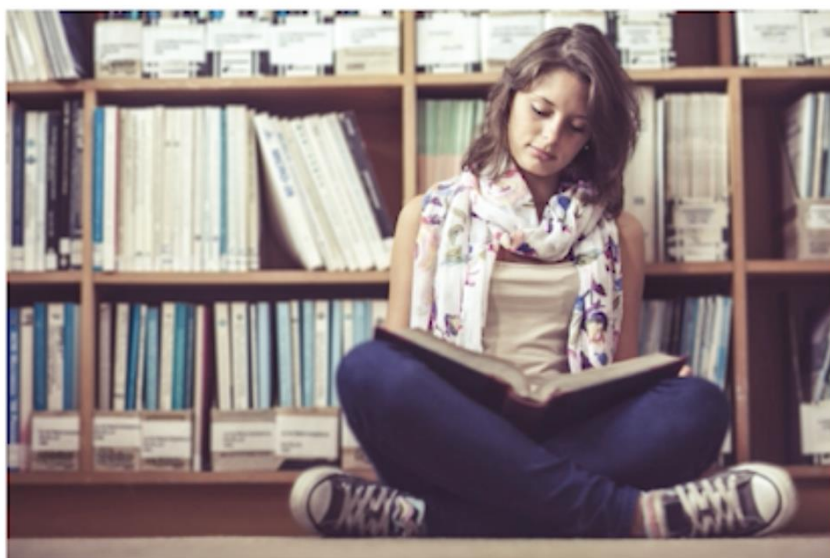
A day later, Adam emailed to ask: "Pastor John, what would you say to a Christian who watches the cable TV show *Game of Thrones*?" This is a television series rated TV-MA, and has become rather infamous for its explicit nudity and sex scenes, and for graphic scenes of rape and sexual violence against women. *Game of Thrones* is now the most popular series in HBO history, with an average

Triggers

You have heard that it was said, “you shall not commit adultery;” but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell. (Matthew 5:27-30)



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What can the church do?

Keys to discipleship – how to start Walking in the Spirit

1. Learn about the problem.
2. Speak directly. Ask them:
 - a. How are they getting on with God.
 - b. What are their triggers.
 - c. Have they masturbated since we last spoke?
 - d. Have they looked at porn recently?
 - e. Have they look at things which might led to porn?
 - f. How have they been occupying their free time?
 - g. What's going on generally?
 - h. If dating – what's going on?
 - i. Are there people that you need to forgive?
 - j. Is there someone else that you are blaming?
 - k. What are they watching on TV etc.
 - l. Do they really want to break free?

2. Speak often
3. Call a spade a spade e.g. say that masturbation is wrong.
4. Pray and read the Bible together.
5. Warn of the consequences – this is not just one little problem.
6. The journey is long and painstaking. BUT pray always.
7. Everyday pray, for deliverance and giving thanks in all circumstances.
8. There is freedom if he perseveres – Romans 8.

What can the church do?

7. Disciple your children and teens

Proverbs 22 v 6

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it..

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Primary school's warning over girls in 'inappropriately short skirts'



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Dating



“But how will young women find these sensual, slow-burn experiences in men indoctrinated by pornography? Psychologist Philip Zimbardo says of young men: “They don't know the language of face to face contact ... Constant arousal, change, novelty excitement makes them out of sync with slow developing relationships - relationships which build slowly.”

The screenshot shows the Collective Shout website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, About, Campaigns, Take Action, Request a Speaker, and Donate. Below the header, there's a breadcrumb trail: Home / Campaigns / Blog. The main article is titled "Growing Up in Pornland: Girls Have Had It with Porn Conditioned Boys" and is attributed to Melinda Tankard Reist, published on ABC Religion and Ethics. The article text discusses the impact of pornography on young women, mentioning a survey by Plan Australia and Our Watch. It quotes Lucy, a 15-year-old, and discusses the normalization of sexual abuse and harassment. The article also mentions that 80% of participants reported online sexual abuse and harassment. The right sidebar contains social media links for Facebook, Twitter, and Email, along with a "Join" button. Below that is a "Collective Shout" social media widget showing 26,146 likes and a "Like Page" button. At the bottom, there's a "Tweets by @CollectiveShout" section featuring a tweet from @Charlieloves about a campaign in Britain.

What can the church do?

8. Speak truth into the public space

Say what you believe about marriage, porn etc

There is no Christian based helpline for porn addicts.

The world does not say that Masturbation and Porn are wrong.

Offer counselling to non-Christian singles and married couples.

Set up men's groups give your testimony and ask direct questions.