

Responding to Sexual Temptation in a High Tech Society


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Why a Study on Responding to Sexual Temptation in a High Tech Society?

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16




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This new media brings many blessings. It delivers into our homes an Alexandrian library where we can find anything from how to tie a tie to the latest happenings in Iraq. However, as with all good things, Satan has invaded and tarnished this gift.

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How Serious Is the Problem?

Take a few moments to mark your answers to five questions on pages 7-8 to test your knowledge.

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Internet Pornography a Major Industry

- Multi-billion dollar industry
- 40% of Americans visit 80,000,000 porn sites
- Just 1 site reported 42 billion visits in 2019, ~1 million YEARS of video downloaded
- Problem is growing



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Aren't Christians minimally impacted?

- We often fail to recognize its danger to us & its offense to God.
- It's all around us.
- Internet pornography is rampant.
- Christians including professionals are affected.



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What makes this form so dangerous?


- *Accessibility*
- *Anonymity*
- *Seeks* users and its affordable
- *Exposes* users to all types of sexual temptation.
- *Feeds* sexual lust, leading to deeper progression of sin.



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Does the Bible address Internet pornography?

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Galatians 6:1-2



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Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.



Colossians 3:5

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Secular vs. Christ-Centered


- Both recognize problem.
- Both help change behavior.
- Secular fails to see sin.
- When sin not confessed, Gospel unable to work healing.
- God’s forgiveness is key for healing and changing behavior.



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[Jesus said,] “Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality...”

Matthew 15:19



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Why should I participate?

- Everyone is impacted.
- Every Christian can benefit.
- God’s Word provides direction, hope, and healing.



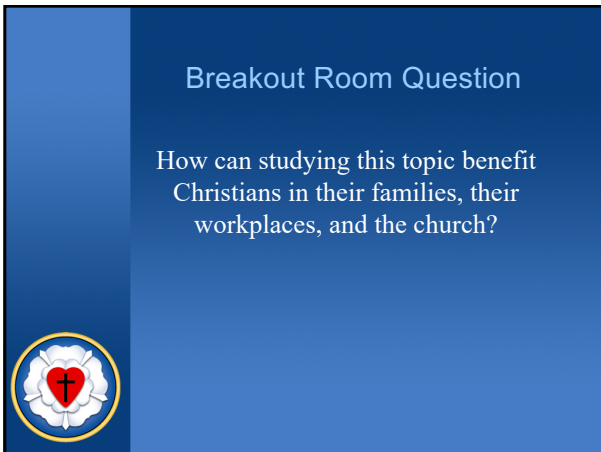
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Homework Assignment

- What insights have you gained?
- What do you hope to gain personally?
- Be ready to share.

