Real World Real God

Battling the Beast, Winning the War Pastor Mark Lehmann

Pornography

"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:10-12 NLT

Just the Facts

- Over 40 Million Americans regularly visit Porn sites
- The Porn industry's annual revenue is more then the NFL, NBA and MLB combined
- 47% of families in the US reported that pornography is a problem in their home.
- Pornography increases the rate of Marital infidelity by 300%
- The Average age that a child is first exposed to porn is 11. 94% of children will see porn by the age of 14
- 64% of Christian Men view Pornography Monthly
- 15% of Christian Women View Pornography monthly
- 75% of Christian men 18-30 view Pornography Monthly
- 87% of Christian Women have Watched Porn
- 57% of pastors say porn addiction is the most damaging issue in their congregation
- 11-17 year old boys are the greatest users

"In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, 'She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, 'I am pregnant.'" 2 Samuel 11:1-5

- David Wasn't Were He was supposed to be
- He saw something that He was not supposed to see

- He Did something He wasn't supposed to do
- He cost so many people losing things that they weren't supposed to lose

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10

Pornography Changes the Way you think (Craig Groeshal)

- It Distorts what is real
- It poisons what is pure
- It objectifies People
- It Robs you of What God really Wants which is intimacy with God

Guard Your Heart

- 1. We are vulnerable whenever we are overly confident (1 Cor 10:12 NIV)
- 2. We are Vulnerable Whenever we feel Entitled

The Eyes Have It

"Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

2 Chronicles 20:12 NIV

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come, my help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalms 121:1-2 NIV

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love." Psalms 33:18 NIV

Fight Internally and Externally

- 1. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28 NIV
- 2. "I have made a Covenant with my eyes... not to look with lust at a young woman." Job 31:1 NLT
- 3. No temptation [regardless of its source] has overtaken *or* enticed you that is not common to human experience [nor is any temptation unusual or beyond human

resistance]; but God is faithful [to His word—He is compassionate and trustworthy], and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability [to resist], but along with the temptation He [has in the past and is now and] will [always] provide the way out as well, so that you will be able to endure it [without yielding, and will overcome temptation with joy]. 1 Corinthians 10:13 AMP

"But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9 NLT

Guardrails Against the Beast

- -Bring Jesus into the Battle
- -Stop Feeding the Monster
- -Lock Down Your Devices parental controls on all devices.
- -Use Tools Like Covenant Eyes.

https://coveyes.com/cornerstonebowie

- -What Are you Watching?
- -Cleansing Steam
- -Living Free

"Why Battle a temptation in the future when you have the power to eliminate it today?"

- Craig Groeshal