

**Be saved from this perverse generation!**

*Semper Fi*

The apostle Peter preached on the day of Pentecost saying, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself. And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation!’” **Acts 2:38-40** Scripture quotations from the New American Standard Updated Version. Used with permission.

I read somewhere recently this sentence, “Pornography has gone mainstream.” It has. And our nation and our men have gone downstream. We are down a polluted river in a swamped and inadequate boat, headed for destruction.

We are constantly assaulted by a barrage of images that degrade women. Catalogs, newspaper advertisements and supermarket checkout stands are all fair game for perverted advertisers. But the most damage is being done via the internet. Ubiquitous and easily accessible internet pornography, just a few clicks away, is available to people of all ages. Indeed, it is foisted upon many unsuspecting and unwary people who are not seeking it. Searching for “Consumer Reports” is a good example of what can happen to the unwary. Consumer Reports dot com is bad news. Consumer Reports dot org will get you what you were looking for in the first place.

Here is a partial list of the destructive nature of pornography:

**1. Pornography degrades and debases our view of women**, making them nothing but playthings and toys to be used, abused and discarded. That women themselves sell out to pornography is abhorrent; that men derive huge and swollen profit from this industry is unconscionable and obscene. That the porn industry should control as much as fourteen billion dollars [according to the *Dallas Morning News*] in our economy is irredeemably crass, craven and debased.

**A judgment pronounced.** I declare this to all who would listen: “Those who profit from such depravity will reap a whirlwind. Their sin will be remembered before God and their judgment will be upon their heads. Severe and lasting plagues will visit their bodies and will stalk their homes. They will seek their own counselors, but among them will be none to save.” And unless they repent, turning for salvation in the name of Jesus through the blood of the Lamb, the fire of judgment will be unquenchable, and the worms which eat their flesh will never die. Though I make this warning, the truth of it does not come from me, but from the Word of God, from the Lord Jesus himself.

“If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, where THEIR

**WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.** If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast into hell, where **THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.** If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell, 48 where **THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.” Mark 9:43-48.**

Millions upon millions of our nation’s men are stumbling because of their impure eyes. If they will not heed the warnings being sounded by true men of God, they are headed for destruction.

**A further declaration.** No so called pastor, priest or man of God who abuses women and children through pornography or any other means is called of God to shepherd the flock. They are charlatans and wolves. I call upon them to immediately resign, repent and call upon God. If they truly repent, God will be gracious and merciful to them.

**“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.” Matthew 7: 15-16**

**“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ‘As I live,’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘surely because My flock has become a prey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but rather the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock; therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will demand My sheep from them and make them cease from feeding sheep. So the shepherds will not feed themselves anymore, but I will deliver My flock from their mouth, so that they will not be food for them.”” Ezekiel 34:7-10**

**2. Pornography targets children for destruction.** One look at pornography is never enough. The passing pleasure of sin achieved in one’s first encounter with pornography devolves in an ever increasing death spiral of greater and greater exposure to unbelievable depravity, until even “adult” entertainment is not enough. Then the children are attacked. The toll here emotionally, physically and spiritually, is gargantuan. Innocents are slaughtered and devoted to destruction. Again, a woe to anyone who profits by these innocent children. As our Lord Jesus plainly declares to any such person: **“It would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matthew 18:6.**

**3. It destroys marriages and families.** The marriage bed, according to the Word must be undefiled. How a man can ever believe that looking at pornography will not defile his own marriage bed is incomprehensible. It is deception in its most concentrated form. **“Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:3-4.** Any man who dwells on

pornography brings each of its subjects into his own bed. Jesus' words are exactly to the point:

**“but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Matt 5:28.**

**4. It destroys sound minds and, in the end-stages of the addiction, destroys the body as well.** There is no way to remain intellectually sound while engaging in private sin. The enemy, Satan, tells us that there is no harm, no foul, as long as nobody is harmed. But lies proliferate upon his tongue as weeds in an unkempt field. Finally the weeds choke out any sound reasoning and the plot is overgrown with the stinging nettles of a depraved mind. The minds of those who engage in pornography are by God given over to impurity and degrading passions, and their bodies to the due penalty of their error. [See Romans, chapter one.] Such penalties are to include the “severe and lasting plagues” foretold in **Deuteronomy 28:59**.

**5. It destroys nations.** The men of Sodom did not begin their depravity by sodomizing each other, their visitors and their guests. They began with lesser perversions. But no perversion provides satisfaction. Perversity calls for her demonic friends. Finally their sins were so heinous, so grievous, that God destroyed their city. The perversions of the sodomites of our day are the same. The declination of perversion, the progression of sin outlined in Romans, chapter one, goes from bad to worse to destruction. It is a progression from evil thoughts and motives to evil and corrupt deeds. The end of the perversity is death. This applies to nations as well as individuals. God is not a respecter of persons. He is also not a respecter of nations. And God is just. If he judged the cities of the plain—Sodom and Gomorrah—for their perversity, he will certainly judge the United States of America.

**Gay Pride Month.** We should be very thankful that President Bush has declined to issue a presidential proclamation (as did his predecessor, Bill Clinton,) declaring that June is Gay Pride Month. Taxpayer monies under the Clinton administration helped the gays and lesbians celebrate their rebellion against God. But this bit of sanity on the part of the present administration is only a cup of water thrown on an inferno. Our nation appears bent on destroying itself from within by denying that there are incontrovertible moral standards of right and wrong, and that those standards are established by a holy and righteous God who cannot be legislated out of existence.

**If we do not repent . . .** If our nation does not repent of abortion, homosexuality and the immoralities of pornography with its attendant adultery, incest, bestiality, rape, and fornication, we are finished as a nation. God will destroy us.

**The hour is late.** Those who love the Lord will be protected, even in the midst of destruction. Therefore we will be faithful to the end, proclaiming His goodness and his love. God is offering salvation from this immoral fire through the Blood of Jesus his Son. All who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved. But the hour is late

and the minutes are fast ticking away. Therefore today is the day of salvation and now is the time to respond.

It has been often noted that we can choose our sin, but we cannot choose our consequences. How vain and proud of man to think that he will not be found out, that he will not be observed or seen. But his destruction will come upon him suddenly. The vultures will be swift to the bodies of those slain by this addictive sin against God. The ravens of the valley will pluck out the perverted eye.

*Come forth from her midst, My people,  
And each of you save yourselves  
From the fierce anger of the LORD.*  
**Jeremiah 51:45**

I urge any who do not know the Lord Jesus to cease whatever you are now doing and call upon him for salvation

*And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD  
Will be delivered;  
For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
There will be those who escape,  
As the LORD has said,  
Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.*  
**Joel 2:32**

Jesus came to earth not to judge the world, but to save it. The offer is still open and available to all who repent and believe.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged . . .”

But take note that the passage does not end there. Consider this:

“. . . he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.” John 3:16-21.

When Jesus returns the second time it will not be to offer salvation but to pronounce judgment upon the earth. That is why the time is so critical. Today is the day of salvation. This is the critical hour.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, " KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” **Revelation 19:11-16.**

### **Action Steps.**

1. If you are in any way involved in pornography take these immediate steps:
  - a. Confess your sin to another brother in Christ and forsake the sin altogether. Confess your actions as sins against God, against your wife and children and against your brothers in Christ.
  - b. Repent of your actions: The word repent means “to turn around.” Do a 180 degree turn. Whatever it was that led you to these actions, turn completely away from it.
  - c. Immediately get rid of all pornography. All photos, all magazines, books, CDs, movies, videos, catalogs, or whatever means is a source of pornography—eliminate it. Do not allow yourself to believe that it is “art.” If you have photography or art training materials that are pornographic in any way whatsoever, get rid of them immediately. Do not stall or delay in this step. Do it today. Do not sleep until it is done.
  - d. Secure your computer from all pornography. If you have used your computer for pornography in any way you must make drastic changes. Move the computer to an open place in your home. Protect your computer with filtering.
  - e. Make yourself accountable to another stronger brother in the Lord. Accountability will combat the secrecy and darkness of this sin.
  
2. Fill your vessel with good things. Start daily devotions and prayer with your wife if you do not now do so. Begin to memorize and meditate on relevant passages of scripture. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and seek the power of the Lord for victory. “If any man is in Christ he is a new creature, the old things have passed away, behold all things have become new.” **2 Corinthians 5:17**