

Sex: The World's Alternatives

John 8:3-11, Matthew 5:27-29

Adultery and pornography fall outside the boundaries that God intended sex to be experienced and they present significant dangers to us.

ADULTERY

- Definition

“Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled.” — Hebrews 13:4

- Defense
 - Be Forgiven
 - Build Boundaries
 - Build Foundations

PORNOGRAPHY

- Definition

“When we say of a lustful man prowling the streets that he wants a woman. Strictly speaking, a woman is just what he does not want. He wants a pleasure for which a woman happens to be the necessary piece of apparatus.” — C.S. Lewis

- Defense
- Danger

“Neurological research has revealed that the effect of internet pornography on the human brain is just as potent – if not more so – than addictive chemical substances such as cocaine or heroin ...”

“Pornography, by both arousing (the “high” effect via dopamine [found in cocaine]) and causing an orgasm (the “release” effect via opiates [found in heroin]), is a type of poly-drug that triggers both types of addictive brain chemicals in one punch, enhancing its addictive propensity.”

— Morgan Bennett in John , Piper’s The New Narcotic

“It literally changes the physical matter within the brain so that new neurological pathways require pornographic material in order to trigger the desired reward sensation... These neurological pathways eventually become the trail in the brain’s forest by which sexual interactions are routed. Thus a pornography user has unknowingly created a neurological circuit that makes his or her default perspective toward sexual matters ruled by the norms and the expectations of pornography.”

— Morgan Bennett

“It’s a new synaptic pathway ... [It] has absolutely changed my generation’s expectations ... How does [it] not affect the psychology of having a relationship with somebody? It’s got to ... What that explains is that I’m more comfortable in my imagination than I am in actual human discovery.” — John Mayer

- Hope of Freedom
 - Guys: Wake Up & Walk Out!
 - Girls: Trust God’s Word & Work

HOMOSEXUALITY

- Why is it Relevant?
- Is it Sin?
- Why do Some Struggle?
- How do We Respond?