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Pornography is Adultery

Religious surveys from several years ago told us that 68% of men in evangelical churches along with 53% of the pastors regularly view pornography. You would think that exposing such numbers would cause shock and repentance, but actually the opposite is true. When people see that such a large percentage of church people are involved in such a thing, they feel consoled that they are not the only one partaking of the uncleanness. It's as though they think if so many are doing it then it must be normal or even acceptable. This is what the Apostle Paul called "strong delusion." II Thessalonians 2:11.

The use of pornography is adultery! The use of pornography is an act of fornication. There is no statement that is more supported by the word of God than this. Jesus himself told us, *"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."* Matthew 5:28. What is the use of pornography but the act of looking upon an unclothed woman to stimulate and fulfill your lusts?

According to Jesus' words, a married man that uses pornography is an adulterer before God. An unmarried man that uses pornography is what

the Bible calls a *“fornicator”* or *“whoremonger.”* The same is true for women who use pornography. If both a man and a wife use pornography together, they have what is called an open marriage. They have perverted the sanctity of marriage by bringing the uncleanness of others into their bed.

What is equally if not more shocking, is the percentage of pastors who confess to using pornography. If these survey percentages are true, then over half the pastors in evangelical churches are adulterers and they are ministering their adulterous spirit to those who hear them. Some of these pastors think because they openly admit it, they are somehow demonstrating their humility. No! These are those the Apostle Paul spoke of whose *“glory is in their shame.”* Philippians 3:9.

Those who tell you that adulterous lusts are normal for a child of God are lying to you. They may believe it, but it is still a lie. The Apostle Peter told us the redeemed have *“...escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”* II Peter 1:4. The very essence of salvation is the cleansing of our hearts from sin by the work of the blood of Christ. I do not present myself as your example, but I can honestly tell you that Jesus washed the filth out of my unclean heart over forty years ago, and has kept it clean from lusts all these years.

Those involved in pornography are in danger of eternal damnation and most do not even know it. They are dangling over the Lake of Fire, hanging only by a thread which could break at any time.

Their pastors and teachers tell them they are alright, but it is not the truth. The word of God is clear, *“but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”* Hebrews 13:4. Paul also told us *“Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, ... shall inherit the kingdom of God.”* I Corinthians 6:9-10. Those who tell you differently are the ones deceiving you.

I speak these things to those involved in this perversion because I care for your soul more than I care for your admiration. Jesus Christ shed his blood to take away your sin and purify your heart. You can continue ignoring God’s word, and join those of whom the Bible says, *“... God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness”* II Thessalonians 2:11-12, or you can be one who lays hold of Jesus Christ in repentance and faith until he washes the uncleanness from your heart. Your eternity hangs in the balance.