

Couples In Bloom - Pornography

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Pornography is the topic of this Couples In Bloom Extra publication and some recent ministry. Pornography from the Greek language is *porne* (harlot) + *graphein* (write), and is **not** limited to the physical realm. **Pornography is all about control**; one-way command instead of two-way interaction. Its roots are in pride and its branches include manipulation, rebellion and witchcraft. Honest examination and application of truth helps Christian couples and singles understand and conquer this popular and insidious problem.

What is pornography's hook; why is it a problem? Pornography is the wrong answer to a real problem. Speaking in faith and telling lies both say things exist that truly do not exist. The difference: faith is God-instructed and lying is perversion. The Bible definition of perversion is *distorted therefore false*. Example: sex inside marriage versus sex outside marriage. Being a disciple of God's Word allows the truth to set us free ⇨ John 8:31-32.

Religiosity is spiritual pornography, where religion (man-made, one-way) replaces relationship (God-made, two-way). It selfishly manipulates because the Holy Spirit is not allowed to deliver God's view, allowing man's view to rule unchallenged / uncorrected.

Pornography is something the free will may choose to do if outside of God's will. Husband example: husband wants more sex, wife says no, husband uses pornography. Wife example: wife wants more romance, husband does not respond, wife fantasizes. **Notice that when a spouse says 'no', sin says 'yes'** without hesitation. Evil is strategic. Focused two-way follow-through would expose the roots of their problems so their relationship could heal and **have** romance and sex, which is **against** satan's goal. Understand satan seeks and uses real needs to introduce sin and to attack God's people.

Understand how subtle pornography is. Pornography examples: Why does the Bible tell the husband to **let** his wife's breasts slake (thoroughly satisfy) him? ⇨ Proverbs 5:19. Isn't that his wife's role? A Godly wife should use her breasts to bless her husband ⇨ Song of Solomon 1:13 & 8:10, but **he** can nullify that blessing by **thinking** about other women's breasts ⇨ Proverbs 5:20-23. Why does the Bible show the wife speaking good things about herself **with** her husband? ⇨ Song of Solomon 1-2. Isn't that her husband's role? A Godly husband should romance his wife ⇨ Song of Solomon 4:10, but **she** can crush it by **secretly idolizing** romance observed elsewhere and then comparing it to his.

Pornography worsens dissatisfaction by adding non-fulfillment from perversion. It cruelly stimulates but cannot satisfy. Only relationship has the components to fulfill: **submission + servanthood = satisfaction**: the mutual surrender of control between caring spouses is what satisfies, not control of others (including *fictional* pornography: video games, books, etc.). God started relationship between Him and us (the Bride of Christ). Marriage on earth simply follows that, and our [Intimate Anatomy](#) workbook illustrates it.

Understand the importance of free will: satisfaction requires **voluntary** relationship inside God's will ⇨ Song of Solomon 7:10; Genesis 3:16b. Pornography cannot satisfy because it has no loving source to provide it; **only a right heart wants to and can satisfy**. God satisfies our hearts; spouses then minister **the same way**. ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone