



IN THE GARDEN...

Intimacy.

Sex (in the right context) is a gift from God that bonds a man and woman together like nothing else.

Sex doesn't equal intimacy.

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James 1:17 ¹⁷ *Whatever is **good and perfect** is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. **He never changes** or casts a shifting shadow.*

THE BAD: PORN KILLS

Evil perverts God's good gifts.

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James 1:14–17 (NLT) ¹⁴ ***Temptation** comes from our **own desires**, which entice us and **drag us away**.* ¹⁵ *These **desires** give birth to sinful actions.*

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*And when **sin is allowed to grow**, it gives birth to death.* ¹⁶ *So **don't be misled**, my dear brothers and sisters.*

THE GOSPEL VS PORN CULTURE

"This is my body, which is given for you." (Luke 22:19)

VS

"This is her body taken by me"

THE GOSPEL VS PORN CULTURE

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt 4:17)

VS

"Relax, for there is nothing wrong with your fantasies."

THE GOSPEL VS PORN CULTURE

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3:3)

VS

"Your life is found in your hidden adventures online"

THE GOSPEL VS PORN CULTURE

"This is eternal life, that you know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (John 17:3)

VS

"This is real life, that we would never be denied our every sexual desire, not matter how misogynistic or demeaning."

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"In a time of universal deceit—telling the truth is a revolutionary act."
(George Orwell).

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50 Percent of divorces were directly related to pornography.

**60%+ of men
30%+ of women**

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Men: Visually stimulated
Ladies: Emotionally stimulated

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“This is probably the greatest threat to the cause of Christ in two thousand years of church history, because it so undermines your life, your walk with Christ and your beliefs. “
Josh McDowell.

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“It starts to darken the door of the brain to consider truths of the Christian faith. It takes over your thinking, your morals and your life....

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...You have to understand: Pornography just takes over your life. And as a result, it doesn't leave room for your walk with Christ.” Josh McDowell

SINS AGAINST THE BODY

1 Corinthians 6:18–19 (NKJV) ¹⁸
Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

SINS AGAINST THE BODY

¹⁹ *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

IMPACT OF PORN ON THE BRAIN

1. **Desensitized to Pleasure** – Toxic soil (Dopamine)
2. **Hyper-sensitized to lust** – Pathways (Neural paths)
3. **Crippled Willpower** – Boundaries removed (Prefrontal cortex)

THE WAY OUT

1. **Shine light**
1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) ⁹ *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession.*

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1. **Shine light**
As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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2. **Pull out the toxic plants**
Romans 12:2 (NLT) ² *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*

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3. **Build walls around your mind**
1 Peter 1:13–16 (NLT) ¹³ *So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control.... Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires... But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.*

THE WAY OUT

4. **Cultivate new habits**
James 1:21-22 *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls...*

