



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING...

- “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”
-Edmund Burke
- “Pornography is the greatest cancer in the church today.”¹
-Chuck Swindoll
- “Silence in the face of evil [i.e. pornography] is itself evil – God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Concerning pornography, Pastor Jay Dennis says of the church, “We have relinquished our God-given position of leadership.” He also warns pastors, “Lead...or others will.”
- “The pursuit of purity is not about the suppression of lust, but the reorientation of one’s life to a larger goal.”
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- “...the elephant [i.e. pornography] in the room that is rarely publicly discussed in evangelical circles is pornography...”²
-Jonathan McLatchie
- “Our churches are in trouble. This is no time to simply wait and pray.”³
-Chuck Swindoll
- “If you preach the gospel in all aspects, with the exception of the issues which deal specifically with your time [i.e. pornography], you are not preaching the gospel at all.”
-Martin Luther
- “Carl F. H. Henry was right: “The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.”⁴
-Jim Denison
- “...It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men.”⁵
-Leigh Seger
- “Stop and imagine the ugly but very real possibility of some of your own elders and deacons leaving your meetings and going home to surf porn. Think about youth leaders viewing it one minute, and leading a small group with your kids thirty minutes later. It's ruining

marriages, destroying relationships, harming youth, and hurting the body of Christ. You hardly need to be reminded that fallen pastors and priests did not ‘suddenly’ fall. More often than not, pornography played a role in their downward spiral.”

-Chuck Swindoll

- “The internet has become the number one universally accepted source of pornography exposure.”

-Dr. Jill C. Manning, Ph.D., LMFT

- “A few years ago a friend of mine told me of a small men’s retreat he attended in Idaho. When the men were challenged in the area of sexual purity, the biggest, toughest looking guy in the room stood up and said ‘I’m struggling with porn and I know some of you guys are too, so stand up if you are and let’s deal with this!’”

“Half of the forty men in the room came to their feet.”⁶

-Mike Genung

- “But that pastor gave me the green light, so I didn’t pull any punches. Then, at the end of service, I gave an altar call for people struggling with sexual issues. No one moved at first. Then the dam broke, and they lined up three to four deep at the altar...”⁷

-Dr. Ted Roberts

- “75% said their parents had never discussed Internet pornography with them.”⁸

- “According to data taken from Internet users who took part in the General Social Survey for the year 2000, regular church attenders are 26% less likely to look at porn than non-attenders...but those self-identified as ‘fundamentalists’ are 91% more likely to look at porn.”⁹

- “...90% of today’s college men and more than 60% of college women in the US saw porn before the age of 18.”¹⁰

-Luke Gilkerson

- “The number of Christian men viewing pornography virtually mirrors the national average.”¹¹

- Purity is an attitude of holding oneself to a higher standard than the world sets.”¹²

-Jacqueline Anderson

- “If you don't think you can't fall into any kind of sexual temptation, you're either godlier than David, wiser than Solomon, or stronger than Samson.”¹³

- Donna Rice Hughes

- “We can no longer ask, ‘How should I prepare my child for if they see porn?’ Instead we must ask, ‘How should I prepare my child for when they see porn?’ ...and your neighbor’s unsecured Wi-Fi is easy to find.”¹⁴

-Jen Wilkin

- “...93 percent of boys and 62 percent of girls were exposed to online pornography during their adolescence.”¹⁵

-Nick Bilton

- “Knowledge is power, but once you know the truth, silence is complicity.”¹⁶

-Dr. Mary Anne Layden

- “...‘an event [viewing porn] which lasts half a second within five to ten minutes has produced a structural change [in the brain].’”¹⁷

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