ON PORNOGRAPHY

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On Pornography

There are matters that can be very controversial. But regardless of the controversy, I will say it. I have studied the scripture and learned from men. It's not advisable for an unmarried person to watch pornography.

Here's it –watching pornography is not a sin. Yea! I know many people would nail me for this but that's the truth. I want you to read and follow me through before you nail me. I don't watch porn and don't advise any unmarried to watch it. I used to watch porn many years ago during my secondary school days.

The fact is that porn is not a sin, but porn sows the seed that propels one into the action of sin. Any young person or unmarried that is watching pornography is only doing himself or herself harm. Those videos and acts are programming your mind for sexual immorality. Those videos and pictures will linger for long in your mind. It takes the mercy of God to get over it.

Every unmarried should never watch pornography. Satan would not come physically to program your mind for immorality; he would use wrong videos, images and pictures, and makes suggestions to your mind. You are not committing sin when watching pornography but satan is programming your mind for sexual immorality, which is sin.

It may be difficult for some to believe that watching porn is not a sin. Yes, capital yes! But if you are unmarried and you are watching porn, you are doing yourself great harm. You are informing your mind of actions that are alien to it. And definitely, your mind would absorb that and would stir up chemical reactions in your body to desire sex. When this happens, the next process would be to fill your mind with the image of someone around you, it could be a friend or neighbor. The process would then begin; you would begin to imagine yourself having sex with that person using all the styles you watched in the porn.

The word is stop watching porn. Talk to that desire for porn to leave your heart. Christians need to know that sex is wrong for the unmarried. For believers, sex is not permitted before marriage. This is not trying to spiritualize matters. This is

emphasizing what the Bible says. 1 Cor. 6:18 says "flee sexual immorality."

Dear sister, don't give in to that brother. Dear brother, Scripture shows you should not have sex before marriage. Why? Heb. 13:4 says, "marriage is honorable among all men, the bed undefiled..." This is not religion. The reason I don't flow with some people is because what is spiritual and scriptural, they will say is religion. Please, flee from sexual immorality.

For any unmarried addicted to watching pornography and desires to stop should do the following. First, it should be established that you can't stop by your power. You are too weak naturally to overpower addiction to pornography. Nobody can break the force of addiction by intellectual ability. Therefore, you need a power that is beyond you to overpower addiction to pornography.

What's the way out? You should simply pray to God for strength. Any time God wants you to overpower the natural and esoteric, He gives you strength. The reason you are addicted is because you don't have strength. When God supplies His strength to you, you will have the ability to silent the desire for pornography.

Attempting to make decisions to stop watching pornography as unmarried without receiving the strength of God will not work. Counselors and experts can teach you the law of substitution and tell you that you can stop it by making the right decisions, but I am telling you that all those practice will work only when the strength of God is supplied to you.

Strength is the ability to resist a force. When God supplies you His strength, you will have the ability to resist the desire and hunger for pornography. Anyone struggling to break out of addiction only lack the strength of God. Strength comes inform of knowledge but much more, it is an energy level that will empower you to reject the desires for pornography. Therefore, simply ask God for strength and by the strength He supplies, you will overpower the desires pornography.

Can the Married Watch Pornography?

F irst, before the question is answered, it is important to state the audience the answer is for. The response you give faith couples is different from the response you give the unsaved. Based on this, I will streamline my response to one kind of audience. I will direct my answer to the question to believers alone. Can a faith couple watch pornography?

Years ago, I had a meeting with a mentor who counseled me on how to handle marital issues. He was so pragmatic and gave certain illustrations. He told me of a couple who married and for about two or three weeks (can't say precisely), they never *knew* each other. I hope you understand what I mean by "knew". They related, wedded and married each other, and for weeks after their marriage, they never

had sex with each other. Funny! I was eager to know what happened later.

It was made known to me that an elder or pastor in the church later called one of them to ask about their honeymoon. Eventually, they opened up that nothing happened between them. They ate together, prayed together, had devotion together, yet, they never had sex with each other. I guess each would even need to excuse the other when any need to dress or undress. It was after some weeks that both were enlightened that as a couple, they had the right to *know* each other. They were told it's not a sin if they had sex together. It was after this that the couple got to do the needful.

Often times, because matters like this are not discussed, especially amidst believers, many suffer from ignorance. The other day, a couple shared their experience in a certain church how the wife was ashamed to *koinonia* with the husband in the body. They shared that the wife had been a pastor's daughter all her life. So, she didn't know anything about sex. This is not an attempt to say all pastor's daughter don't know about sex. But she didn't know about it. The wife requested that light be put off, she went to the bathroom to undress and shouted the name "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," all through the moment of sexual fellowship with her husband. The husband made a funny statement that he thought within

himself, this is not Jesus, this is me... Something of such is bound to happen when people don't have the right knowledge about certain things.

The fact is that there are certain things that should be discussed especially among believers. A Pastor that will be effective in handling marital issues should be such that is sound on a matter like this. To neglect sexual matters is absolutely not proper. The fact is that many think those who talk about it are carnal. Well, I believe when many of those people have the privilege to get into pastoral ministry, they will understand what it means to pastor.

The fact is that you can't talk beyond your level of understanding. Many will say that the married should not watch pornography. Why their statement is half-truth, they have never established these two premise to make their statement completely true. The two premise are:

- 1. Who is your audience (believers or unbelievers)
- 2. Why (the reason they shouldn't)

Get this today: as a preacher or believer, you should never tell an unbeliever not to watch pornography. You are told to preach the gospel to them. Jesus didn't send you to preach against porn to the unsaved, He sent you to preach the gospel to them. Stop doing the wrong work, start doing the right work. Preach Jesus to the unsaved.

The focus now is on believers. Let me tell you this, what you don't know, you don't know. What you don't know is older and superior to your experience and knowledge. Before you quickly conclude that the married shouldn't watch porn, you need to understand that there are some couples that have sexual issues and would go to counselors or sexual consultants to guide them. Eventually, these counselors or consultants would recommend that the couple should watch pornography. Do you see that!

There are professional courses on pornography that marital expert consultants are taught. And in many cases, three to four of the courses deal with pornography. Many don't even know that there are courses on pornography that expert consultants on marital issues study. Courses like Pornography Imagery (Course Code 611), Pornography Slight (Course Code 604), Psychology of Pornography (Course Code 701). These and many more are courses professionals study at higher level.

The Bible is silent on some matters and porn is one of such. The Bible doesn't discuss about it. It's not stated in the Bible that you shouldn't watch pornography. It's stated that you should not fornicate or commit adultery. But pornography can sow the seed in you that can lead to fornication and pornography.

As a believer and minister of the gospel, my view is that married couples who are believers should not watch pornography for some reasons.

- 1. I believe that immoral people should not be the one to teach you how to have good sexual pleasures. The fact is that those who act in porn are either fornicators or adulterers. Why do you want to learn from such? Well, someone may counter my words by saying, does that mean that we can't learn from unbelievers? Do we not have teachers and lecturers who are immoral? Can we now say because teachers are immoral, students should not learn from them? Absolutely no! My point is that there are better sources and channels through which you can learn about sex. Pornography may not be the appropriate channel.
- 2. Pornography is acted. It is needful for you to know that all the scenes you watch for few minutes are acted for hours. I hope you know the porn artiste are given script. They are told the actions and reactions to make. Yet, you as a man or woman wants your spouse to do the exact act someone scripted out. You put yourself and your spouse under intense pressure when you want him or her to do what was watched.

- 3. Pornography triggers addiction. You can never be satisfied with watching one erotica video. You will always desire to watch more. And as you yield to that desire, you become more addicted. When addiction sets in, you can longer control what you watch. What you watch now controls you.
- 4. Pornography affects your psychology. The images and scenes are installed into your memory. You now notice that what you have seen now affects what you see. When you come across different people, your mind will begin to imagine yourself having sex with the person you see performing those actions you watched in the porn. This has led many to fornication and adultery.
- 5. Pornography affects your perception of your spouse. Your spouse will not be able to do many of the things you watched in porn and as such, you will conclude he or she is boring in bed. I don't care how loving your spouse is, he or she can't do every action you watched in the porn. It is this process that led many men and women to get someone that would satisfy them. And as such, this has led to polygamy in many homes.

What's the conclusion? My conclusion is that the married who are believers should not watch

pornography. However you imagine you can satisfy your spouse, simply tell your spouse.

What Is the Solution to Poor Sex?

ouples who are believers should know that there are better ways to deal with poor sex matter. If you are the one who deflower your wife, you may need to enlightened her about sex, especially, if she is not sex inclined. There are men who are not sex enlightened to. Sometimes, the wife may be the one that is more enlightened than the husband. In whichever way, whoever is more enlightened than the other should try to share sex insight with the other.

In a situation that both couple seemed to be ignorant of certain matters about sex, it is essential that they consult a marriage counselor, mature and experienced pastor or an elderly mentor. In another way, the internet is filled with lots of information that can enlightened you about sex. The couple may choose to research certain things about sex

on internet. The internet is filled with quality information that can help you.

One day, I taught at a relationship seminar about sex and I shared there that there are men who aren't knowledgeable about sex. In fact, I said that there are men who don't know the appropriate way to deflower a woman. You may think that is not true in a world where lots of people are exposed to certain things. But the fact still remains that there are people who aren't yet exposed to certain things.

The way out now is for parents to be intentional to discuss certain things with their children. It isn't wrong to discuss about sex with your children especially when they become teenagers. It is better the children learn about sex from their parents than learning it from their friends or on the internet. If children learn about sex from their parents, they will have the right mentality it.

Church leaders should be intentional to put a system in place that can give adequate sex education to their members. Ministers of God should permit mature couples to share their sexual experiences with young couples. They can do this privately with each couple and may decide to do it publicly. It is sometimes good mature male husband are given the privilege to mentor young male husband concerning certain matters on sex. Same also can be done for females. In all, church leaders can always find a way

to create avenues for sexual education.

The most effective method I will recommend will be that a couple should create time to enlighten themselves about sexual affairs. They can both read about it and whoever is more sexually inclined or enlightened can educate the other.



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