

What Does the Bible Say About... ?

“The Problems with Pornography”

Matthew 6:22-23

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Introduction:

- Whose approval is more important to you?
 - **Romans 12:1-2**
 - **1st John 2:15-17**
 - **Matthew 6:22-23**
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1. Pornography:

- a. Josh McDowell ... “The question is not will my kids see porn ... BUT ... How will they handle it when they do?”
- b. Lie #1 ... Porn is a harmless expression of human sexuality:
 - i. Porn is addictive: **Matthew 6:22-23**
 - ii. Porn has personal ramifications as well.
- c. Lie #2 ... Porn is a personal matter and it is really no one business what someone does in their personal lives:
 - i. **Matthew 6:22-23**
 - ii. Our Enemy uses these lies to attack several areas:
 1. The Image of the Creator:
 2. Marital Intimacy:
 3. The Institution of Marriage:
- d. So, is there any good news? I mean, can this addiction be reversed? Is there any hope at all? ... ABSOLUTELY YES!
- e. What steps to we take?
 - i. Wake up:
 - ii. Confront your Porn Problem:
 - iii. Take Preemptive Actions:
 - iv. Expose Porn for what it is – **Ephesians 5:11**
 - v. Be ready with Forgiveness and Grace:

2. The Hook-Up Mentality:

- a. What is the “Hook-Up” Mentality?
 - i. One Night Stand
 - ii. Friends with Benefits
- b. Four Major lies to avoid:
 - i. Everyone is Hooking-up:
 - ii. Dating is Dead:
 - iii. Hooking-Up is free of consequences:
 - iv. What you do when you are dating will not impact your future:
- c. **Genesis 2:24-25**
- d. How do we teach our children and others what God would have them to do?
 - i. Become your child’s authority on sex:
 - ii. Talk about the Yes and No’s of sex:
 - iii. Don’t let kids navigate dating alone:

- iv. Encourage Healthy Courting:
 - 1. Establish Healthy Boundaries:
 - a. Never be alone on a date:
 - b. Stay in Public places:
 - c. Encourage group dating:
 - d. Be Careful dating exclusively while young:
 - v. Teach our boys and girls to be Men and Women for Christ:
 - vi. Pray and Trust in God:
- e. **2nd Corinthians 10:3-5**
- f. **1st Peter 2:9-10**
- You will either please the World ... OR ... God. Which is more important to you?

