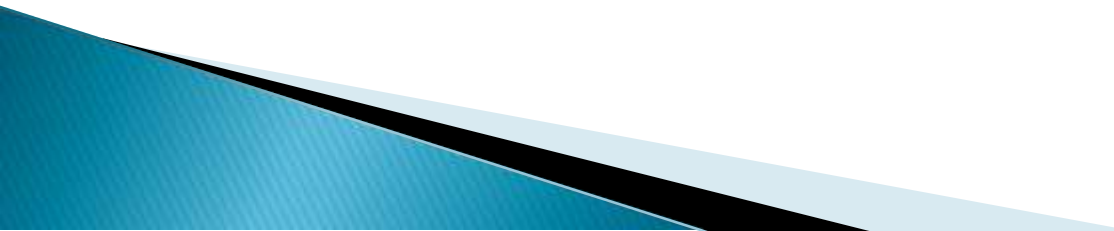


Be Holy, for I Am Holy

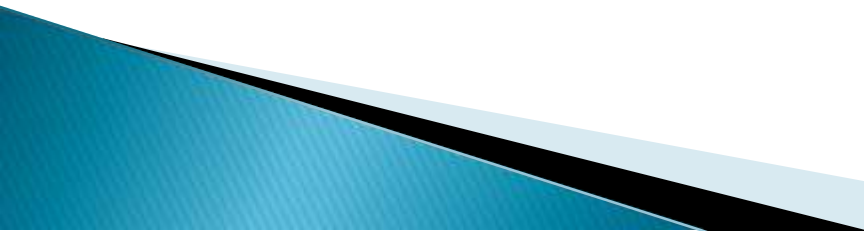


God's Holy People Guard Their Minds
Against Defilement


The Mind

- ▶ Jesus pointed to the heart. Matt. 15:18, 19
 - ▶ With all diligence/vigilance. Prov. 4:23
 - ▶ The body won't become a holy sacrifice unless the mind is renewed. Rom. 12:1, 2
 - ▶ Every thought. 2 Cor. 10:3–5
 - ▶ Know what is right and be committed to it.
 - ▶ Keep the filth out. Gal. 5:19; Eph. 5:3–5
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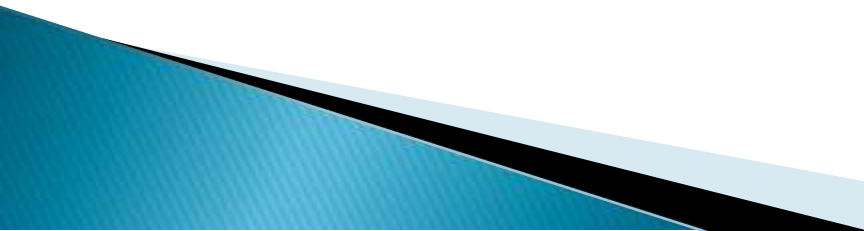
Pornography

- ▶ Pictures, images, etc. of nudity (or semi-nudity) and depictions of sexual acts designed to create or heighten sexual excitement.
 - ▶ Explicit romance novels may not be classified as porn, but have same purpose/effect.
 - ▶ It is pervasive in our society.
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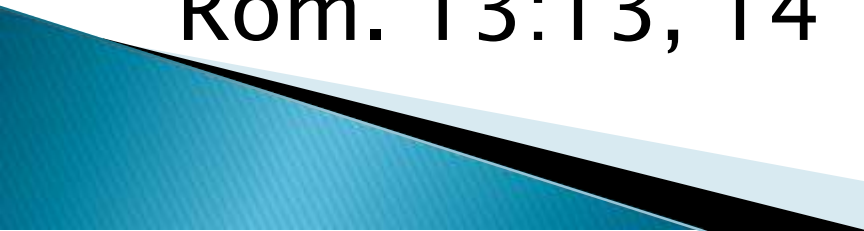
Effects of Pornography

- ▶ Encourages sexual relations earlier.
 - ▶ Diminishes trust between couples.
 - ▶ Can cause feelings of insecurity or unattractiveness in wives.
 - ▶ Negatively impacts marital intimacy and satisfaction.
 - ▶ Infidelity.
 - ▶ Increases the appetite for more graphic things.
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Effects of Pornography: A Biblical Perspective

- ▶ Likelihood of fornication and/or adultery increased. Heb. 13:4
 - ▶ Marital love is destroyed. 1 Pet. 3; Eph. 5
 - ▶ Marriage is not satisfying and blissful. Proverbs 5:15–20
 - ▶ Lessens one's abhorrence to sin. 1 Cor. 6:9–10
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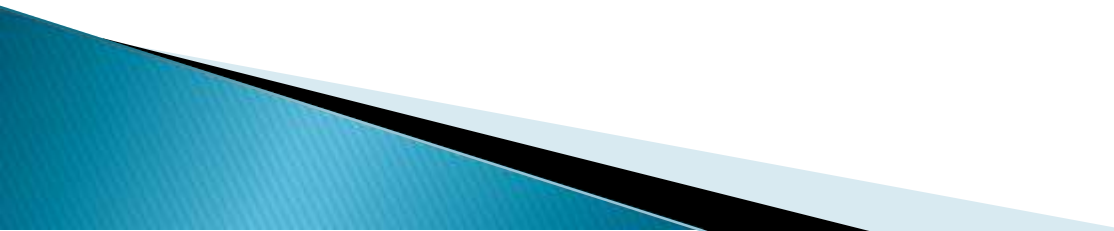
Pornography Is Sinful

- ▶ Consider its intent. Matt. 5:27–28
 - ▶ Being transformed into His image?
2 Cor. 3:18
 - ▶ Fleshly members put to death?
Col. 3:5, 6
 - ▶ Filthiness of the lowest degree.
Eph. 5:3–5
 - ▶ No provision for the flesh.
Rom. 13:13, 14
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Pornography

- ▶ Don't view it.
- ▶ Repent if you have.
- ▶ If “addicted” ...
 - Pray. Matt. 26:41
 - Seek the prayers of others. James 5:16
 - Think about the consequences. Cf. Prov. 6.
 - Focus on better things. Phil. 4:8
 - Avoid the “triggers.” Prov. 7:6–9
 - Don't give the devil an opportunity.
Matt. 6:13

Television, Movies, Books

- ▶ Sin is often depicted as normal, common-place, and harmless.
 - ▶ Be honest about the shows you watch.
 - ▶ What about the movies, books, etc.?
 - ▶ Does it impact us? 1 Cor. 15:33;
Prov. 4:23
 - ▶ Could our resistance be weakening?
 - ▶ Is it appropriate? Phil. 4:8
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Conclusion

- ▶ The call to purity of behavior is a call to purity of thought.
 - ▶ God will cleanse you. 1 Cor. 6:9–11; Acts 2:38
 - ▶ Christians can be clean again. 1 John 1:7—2:2
 - ▶ Won't you do whatever needs to be done.
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