



STATISTICS & FACTS
 (Based on research studies from
 Barna Group & Covenant Eyes)

- STATISTICS**
- Over **40 million Americans** are regular visitors to porn sites. The average visit lasts **6 minutes and 29 seconds**
 - There are around **42 million porn sites**, which totals around **370 million pages of porn**
 - The porn industry's annual revenue is **MORE** than the **NFL, NBA, and MLB combined**. It is also more than the combined revenues of **ABC, CBS, and NBC**.

STATISTICS

- **47% of families** in the United States reported that pornography is a problem in their home.
- Pornography use increases the marital infidelity rate by **more than 300%**.
- **Eleven** is the average age that a child is first exposed to porn, and **94% of children** will see porn by the **age of 14**.

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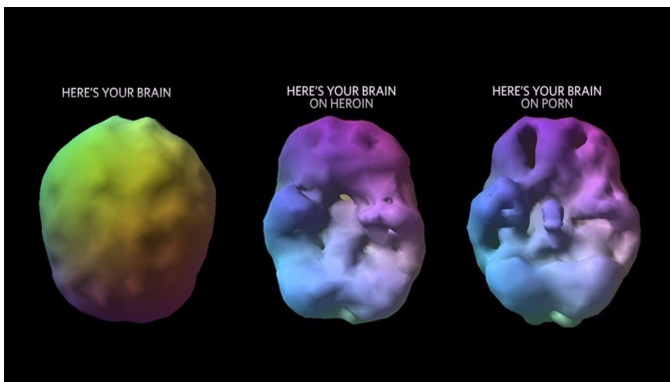
- **56% of American divorces** involve one party having an “obsessive interest” in pornographic websites.
- **70% of Christian youth pastors report** that they have had **at least one teen** come to them for help in dealing with pornography in the **past 12 months**.
- **68% of church going men** and over **50% of pastors** view porn on a regular basis. Of young **Christian adults 18-24 years old**, **76% actively search** for porn.

STATISTICS

- **59% of pastors** said that married men seek their help for porn use.
- **33% of women** aged **25-and-under** search for porn at least once per month.
- Only 13% of self identified Christian women say they never watch porn – **87% of Christian women** have watched porn.
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STATISTICS

- **55% of married men and 25% of married women say they watch porn at least once a month.**
- **57% of pastors say porn addiction is the most damaging issue in their congregation. And 69% say porn has adversely impacted the church.**
- **Only 7% of pastors say their church has a program to help people struggling with pornography.**



Presuppositions

- **Sex is a gift from God designed for a husband (biological male) and his wife (biological female). It is the full expression of the Imago Dei (the Image of God).**
- **Marriage is one biological male and one biological female.**
- **This is not an attack on any particular group or demographic.**

Presuppositions

- Sexual brokenness has impacted/is impacting all people including “Christians” and society so we are discussing this topic without judgment, with radical grace, and humility.
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- Communication will strive to be mature, respectful, clinical, and academic, not gratuitous.
- Teaching biblical understanding not socio-political worldviews.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEX
Optimal, Permissible, & Prohibited

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OPTIMAL

²⁷So God created mankind (*adam*) in his own image, in the image of God he created them (reflect God in creation); male and female he created them.
²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase (pro-create/reproduce) in number..."

Genesis 1:27-28a (NIV)

²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:21-25 (NIV)

²³The man said,
 "This is now bone of my bones
 and flesh of my flesh;
 she shall be called 'woman,'
 for she was taken out of man."

Genesis 2:18-25 (NIV)

²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh (covenant).

²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame (connection/bonding).

Genesis 2:18-25 (NIV)

Biblical sex is marriage
Biblical marriage is dating your spouse

⁴Promise me, O women of Jerusalem, not to awaken love until the time is right.

Song of Songs 8:4 (NLT)

QUOTE

A new survey from the Institute of Family Studies found that people who have only had sex with their spouses are most likely to say they're in a "very happy" marriage.

Researchers combed through data from the General Social Survey from 1989 to 2016. They found that 71% of men reported satisfaction with their marriage, while 64% of women say they're happy in their relationship.

- "Does Sexual History Affect Marital Happiness?" Institute of Family Studies

'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2 (NIV)

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEX

PROHIBITED

"What is prohibited is desired." — Unknown

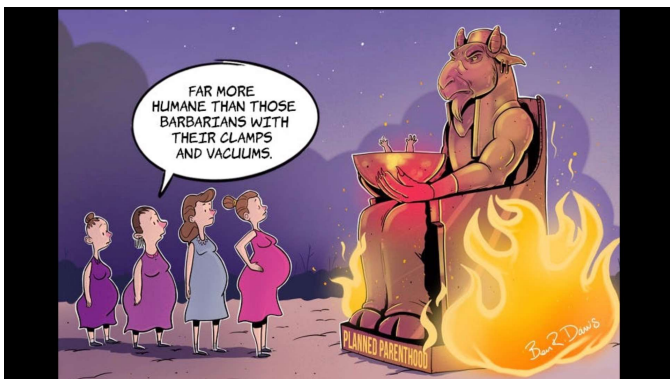
LEVITICUS 18 - SEXUAL PROHIBITIONS

- Relationships with relatives (Lev. 18:6-18)
- During menstruation (Lev. 18:19)
- Neighbor's wife (Lev. 18:20)
- Sacrifice children to Molek (Lev. 18:21) **
- Homosexuality (Lev. 18:22)
- Bestiality (Lev. 18:23)

QUIZ

According to a December 2022 New York Post article, one of the largest pornography website published its most searched terms for 2022 by state and overall nationally. What was the number one most searched term and who is the primary audience(s)?

A. Lesbianism, Straight men



SEXUAL COMPROMISE IN THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 5:1-12

¹¹But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is **sexually immoral** or **greedy**, an **idolater** or **slanderer**, a **drunkard** or **swindler**. Do not even eat with such people.

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 (NIV)

¹²What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 (NIV)

Unrepentance is a dam to the free flow of grace and victory in our lives.

SCRIPTURE

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

- 1 Thessalonis 4:3-4, 7-8 (NLT)

How does a church that is struggling with the human experience of sexual brokenness, engage the world on the issues of biblical sexuality?

How do we engage the world as Square Pegs on Biblical Sexuality?

- Acknowledge/Admit that culture has changed and be willing to reframe the conversations to continue open dialogue, without compromising who you are or your principles.
- Address the dishonesty in our churches, relationships, and especially in our Christian marriages.

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How do we engage the world as Square Pegs on Biblical Sexuality?

- Seek sexual wholeness and sexual holiness through
 - (1) submission to Jesus Christ,
 - (2) obedience to His Word,
 - (3) accountable community, and
 - (4) spiritual and professional resources.

People want to see our practice match our profession.

CHRIST'S PROMISES OF FREEDOM & LIFE

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.
(John 10:10, NLT)

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **(2 Corinthians 3:17, NLT)**

So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.
(John 8:36, NLT)
