

Look-in for Love in all the Wrong Places

Remember the song by Waylon Jennings, “Look-in for Love in All the Wrong Places.” The first part of the song went like this:

I've spent a lifetime looking for you
Single bars and good time lovers, never true
Playing a fools game, hoping to win
Telling those sweet lies and losing again.

I was looking for love in all the wrong places
Looking for love in too many faces

These words are just as true for the one who is looking to have their needs met by engaging in internet pornography. Our past two newsletters have dealt with this difficult topic. I believe when a person tries to have his needs met by looking at pornography, deep down he is really looking for God. I am echoing the words of G.K. Chesterton, “A man who knocks at the door of a brothel is looking for God.” I know that sounds strange. Could it be true? Maybe the song should go, “Look-in for God in all the wrong places.”

Spiritually we were created with an appetite for God. Those “wrong places” cannot meet life’s deepest need; will not satisfy the desires of the heart. When the sexual addict merges his appetite for God with his appetite for sex, confusion reigns. Ultimately, his behavior becomes obsessive and his character is diminished. This disturbing appetite has driven his behavior and impacted his choices. There is only one place true contentment and satisfaction can be found and that is in an “intimate, personal relationship” with Jesus Christ.

Woundedness is a condition of the heart that often begins very early in life. If our wounds are not tended, they fester and cause us to feel overwhelmed and sick. We become desperate for relief. There does not appear to be anything that can move or heal the heart. Our capacity for experiencing joy is reduced and any feeling of happiness is unattainable. What used to make us feel ecstatic now has no power to thrill us. The pursuit of excitement takes over and hijacks the brain’s pleasure system. Archibald Hart put it this way, “In a real sense, we have lost our pleasure by becoming addicted to pleasure that is outside the box of normal existence. There is no limit to the craving for pleasure. It is an ocean that will never be filled. The more you give it the more it wants.” Only Jesus Christ can heal the wounded heart.

In order to address this pandemic crisis, we call on the church of Jesus Christ to take a serious look at what is at stake. Pornography is more than biological impulses or cultural nihilism; it is about a dreadfully misplaced need to worship.

- According to 1Cor. 6:18, a person involved in internet pornography is “sinning against his own body.”
- The disruption of the marital sexual bond blatantly defaces the embodied icon of Christ and His Church (Eph.5:32).

- Pornography, in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ, joins Christ (spiritually) to an electronic prostitute or, more likely, to a vast digital harem. (1Cor. 6:16).

Viewing internet pornography is sin. It is idolatry. It is worshiping the wrong god. Only by turning to Jesus Christ for the healing of your hurting, wounded heart can you break free from the strangle hold of internet pornography.

The words from the song repeat over and over, “Playing a fools game, hoping to win, telling those sweet lies and losing again.” You do not have to stay enslaved to this vicious cycle of bondage. Call us today and let us help.