

Fornication

"porneia"

- harlotry
- idolatry
- fornication, adultery
- give oneself in lust
- to be drawn away

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FORNICATION AND FANTASY: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BONDAGE

- I. Introduction:** Text – Proverbs 5:15-20; I Cor. 7:1-5)
- A. A description . . . (not pornography . . . romance novels)
 - B. A disclaimer . . . (no pornography viewed or read to prepare)
 - C. A destruction . . . (Horror story – 41 y.o. saved man: prison 30 y.)
 - D. A coming disaster . . . (90%/70% men/women now pornography exposed)

II. Current Crisis

- Facts and Social Relevance
- Shocking Statistics
- New markets: "*'Mommy Porn' and other seeds of discontent*"
- Common Problems, Themes, Parallels: *Men and Women*
 - Boredom and stress: escaping reality
 - Unmet expectations, dissatisfied comparisons
 - Fantasy, unreality: visual thrill vs. emotional tension
 - Focus and obsession: self, pleasure
 - Virtual infidelity
- Horrific reality (*performers wretched life of drugs/abuse; "100% herpes"*)
- Destructive result: "*It's all a lie.*" (Dr. Layden)
- Everyone loses in pornography: *Object Lesson - Eccl. 2:10, 17)*

III. Solutions: Principles

- A. Come back to reality:** *The truth and promises of Creator of sex.*
- Pleasure and delights (Ps. 16:11; Song. 7:6; Ps. 37:4, 11)
 - Satisfaction and fulfillment (Song 5:1; Php. 4:19; Ps. 84:11)
 - All needs met (Philippians 4:19)
 - Guaranteed limitation of temptations within capacity (I Cor. 10:13)
 - Freedom! (Is. 61:1)
 - Live!* (Acts 17:25; Deut. 30:19)
- B. What is the Christian life?**
- Loving/giving: (Luke 6:38)
 - Serving and others (I Cor. 7:1-5; Php. 2:3-4)
 - Spiritual, not sensual (Romans 8:6)
 - Kingdom of Christ and Eternity (Matt. 6:33)
 - Pleasing God rather than men (1 Thess. 4:1)
 - Righteousness, Holiness: *Sexual Integrity (1 Thess. 4:4)*
 - RELATIONSHIPS (Ephesians 4:32; 5:21-33; I Peter 3:1-7; 4:8-10)

"Pornography damages the sexual performance of the viewers . . . raising their expectations and demand . . . but reducing their ability to experience it."
"Pornography (and fantasy) are perfect teachers . . . it's just that everything that they teach are lies."
- Dr. Mary Anne Layden

IV. Solutions: Practice

A. Start with Repentance, Confession, and Forgiveness (A Horror story)

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. (Proverbs 28:13)

B. Get rid of "strangers" and "others"

Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. (Proverbs 5:16-18 KJV)

C. Focus on the real person you promised to love, serve, cherish
(forsake the unrealistic fantasies of people who don't exist)

1. Steps of bonding

a. Face-to-face time (conversation and relationship)

b. What got you together? (Try that.)

2. Focus on meeting their needs - Top 3

D. Place all your sexual and romantic energy into one person

... let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. (Song of Songs 2:14 KJV)

... Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. (Genesis 26:8 KJV)

E. Focus on eternal, giving, and pleasing them - enjoy the results

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Psalm 1:3 KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10 KJV)

F. Depend upon God to repair the damage, and clean up the mess
(God will not bless or energize ANY other investment/relationship)

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-8 KJV)

G. Create a secret garden of security, trust, and real intimacy

Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, ... there will I give thee my loves. (Song of Songs 7:12 KJV)

H. Holiness and righteousness = ultimate pleasure and satisfaction

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Psalm 16:11 KJV)

V. Closing: Our story

Question and answer session

Connect Time (Solution worksheet; Secret Confessions: His/Hers)

Fantasy: Equal Opportunity Bondage

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Connect Time: *Solutions and Resets*

Disclaimer: Please, during this time, seek to encourage each other, giving hope for improvement and blessing. (This is not a time to dredge up old failures, unforgiven sin, or problems.)

Together

I. Reflect:

1. *Remember why you married each other . . .*
2. *Reminisce about the way you treated each other . . .*
3. *Resolve ways to get back to those basics . . .*

Both

II. Resolve

A. Husband, you . . . (focus on reality and relationship with your real, human woman)

1. become the spiritual leader of the home and family, growing in a vital relationship with the Lord that you share with her as a leader—especially in spoken prayer
2. love your wife sacrificially, giving up any sensual sin
(Remember that you are the only man that God put into her life to meet her needs— the only man on earth authorized to provide for her physically, emotionally, romantically and spiritually)
3. regularly demonstrate affection in playful, non-sexual ways with no hidden agenda

B. Wife, you . . . (focus on reality and your relationship with a real, human man)

1. be your best physically and spiritually daily (your spouse deserves your healthiest)
2. forsake self-consciousness, and become his private playmate—with public modesty.
(Remember that you are the only one that God put into his life to meet his needs— the only woman on earth authorized to ravish and comfort him)
3. let the Lord change, improve, and control him

As One

III. Reconcile

Offer a prayer of commitment, beginning today going forward together to:

- seek the Lord's guidance
- ask His forgiveness
- extend His forgiveness to our mate

