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Pattern of the Six Teachings

- Traditional Righteousness
- Diagnosis of Vicious Cycle
- Transforming Intent

You have heard that it was said, “Do not commit adultery.”

- Matthew 5:27 CSB

But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- Matthew 5:28 CSB

“...the looking that Jesus condemns here is lustful looking, staring with the intent to possess or at least to burn. The other person is no longer really a unique human *being*; she or he is now simply kindling, tinder, a *thing*; a way for one to enjoy oneself, to express oneself, to feel one’s powers. Jesus’ concern is the human being and her or his valuation.”

- Dale Bruner

The Image of God

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Flourishing Spiritual Household

“One can meet the requirements of this demand only by means of a new relationship between men and women. One where no one is regarded as a sex object.”

- Robert Guelich and Amy-Jill Levine

- 68% of church-going men and over 50% of pastors view porn on a regular basis.
- 76% of young Christian men 18-24 years old actively search for porn.
- 33% of women aged 25 and under search for porn at least once per month.
- 55% of married men and 25% of married women say they watch porn at least once a month.
- Pornography use increases the marital infidelity rate by more than 300%.
- 56% of American divorces involve one party having an “obsessive interest” in pornographic websites.
- 47% of families in the United States reported that pornography is a problem in their home.

- joint research from the Barna Group and Covenant Eyes

29If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

- Matthew 5:29-30 CSB

Truth



Practices

Community

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God I ask for the grace to become aware of my desires, and to hold them open handed before You.