

Porn Addiction:

How Can We As Leaders help?

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Project NePornu

- 1. Raise awareness of the dangers of pornography
 - a. NePornu.cz life stories, articles, facts
 - b. Free online courses
 - c. Lectures and seminars + prevention programs at schools
- 2. Help people addicted to pornography
 - a. Free e-coaching
 - b. Local support groups
 - c. Online forum & Discord

Since 2018, we have helped over 2000 clients!



Statistics

Barna, 2016

- At least once a month:
 - 79% men and 76% women (18-30)
 - 67% men and 16% women (31-49)
 - 49% men and 4% women (50-68)

- Several times a week:
 - 63% men and 21% women (18-30)
 - 38% men and 5% women (31-49)
 - 25% men and 0% women (50-68)
- 36% of all porn users are women (Pornhub Insights, 2022)
- First porn encounter: at the age of 11 on average
- 43.3% men and 12.2% women in church watch porn (ČEA 2018)



Why Is Pornography Sinful?

- It is God's will for us to be pure (1.Tes 4:3)
- Jesus calls pornography a sin (Matt 5:27-28)

"If you think you cannot morally or sexually fail, then you are probably more godly than David, stronger than Samson, and wiser than Solomoun." (Bill Perkins)



Why Is Pornography Attractive?

- Arouses curiosity or excitement about the forbidden fruit
- "Solution" to negative stimuli
 - Anger, Loneliness, Conflicts, Hopelessness, Boredom, Psychological Issues, etc.
 - Escape from reality
 - Search for intimacy



Negative Impacts of Porn Use

- Higher risk of sexual compulsions and addictions
- Greater problems with building deep and long-term relationships
- Decrease in motivation
- Lower satisfaction with sexual partner
- Increased risk of PIED or arousal disorder



Spiritual Impacts of Porn Use

- Disruption of relationship with God
- Shame, doubts, loneliness
- Feeling of unworthiness
- Decrease of spiritual life and activities



Porn Addiction Defined

Behavioral addiction or Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder (ICD-11)

- 1. Problem to stop
- 2. Negative impacts in life
- 3. Restriction of other activities
- 4. Risk taking
- 5. Increase of tolerance
- 6. Withdrawal symptoms



Safe Environment

- Guilt vs Shame
- How do we talk about porn (and sex)?
 - Detabooization
 - Sin vs Grace
- Leading by example
- Where to talk about porn?
- Discretion
- Offeing help



Safe Process

- Education
 - Describing porn addiction
 - Offering a way out
- Leadership
 - Who knows what to do? Where can we refer people to? What are the options?
- Relationships
 - Accountability groups



How To Help Porn Addicts?

- Keep educating yourself
- Guide others
 - Restricting access to porn → Covenant Eyes
 - Discovering triggers

 How to deal with them?
 - Accountability (ongoing / defensive / offensive)
 - Changing focus (accept → refuse → change)
 - Budování nových návyků
 - Budování zdravých vztahů
 - Zdravý pohled na sex



How To Help Porn Addicts?

- Faith as source of our motivation
- Dealing with shame biblically
- God's grace and forgiveness as basis for change
- Community of Christians as God's tool for helping one another



Recommened literature and websites

- Lambert: Finally Free
- Fradd: Porn Myth
- Cecy: Purity War
- Wilson: Your Brain on Porn
- Struthers: Wired for Intimacy
- Zimbardo: Man Disconnected
- Jenson: Good Pictures, Bad Pictures

www.nepornu.cz

www.covenanteyes.com

www.yourbrainonporn.com

www.fightthenewdrug.org

www.nofap.com



Project Needs

- New leaders and partners in Eastern Europe
- Share with others
- Prayers

- > at this moment, we are looking for new opportunities to expand our project to Eastern Europe
- > if you know people, who might be interested let them know
- > pray for wisdom, as we grow and operate with secular environment



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