

How to Pastor People Who Are Struggling with Pornography

Pornography is a big problem within our culture and within the church. Surveys repeatedly suggest one in two men and one in five women in evangelical churches are using pornography. We cannot ignore this issue. But how can we move beyond censure to offer real hope? How can we address this issue in a grace-filled, gospel-centred way?

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I. Looking beyond the frame

- A. Porn wrecks your view of sex
- B. Porn wrecks your view of women
- C. Porn wrecks women's view of themselves
- D. Porn is a sin against your wife (or future wife)
- E. Porn is enslaving
- F. Porn weakens your relationship with God
- G. God's wrath is against people who use porn

II. Freed by the beauty of God

- A. Porn promises refuge

- B. Porn promises respect
- C. Porn promises reward
- D. Porn promises revenge
- E. The victory of faith: Christ offers more

III. Porn as self-worship

IV. Two other essential ingredients

- A. Grace
- B. Accountability

Suggested Reading:

Tim Chester, *Captured by a Better Vision: Living Porn-Free* (IVP, 2010) or *Closing the Window: Steps to Living Porn Free* (InterVarsity, 2010)