#### Books

- Porn-Again Christian by Mark Driscoll (free e-book)
- A Celebration of Sex by Dr. Douglas E. Rosenau
- Sex, Men & God by Dr. Douglas Weiss
- Surfing for God: Discovering the Divine Desire Beneath Sexual Struggle by Michael John Cusick
- The Fight of Your Life: Manning Up to the Challenge of Sexual Integrity by Tim Clinton

## **Elements of a Family Technology Plan**

- 1. Screen-Free Zones like the dinner table, front seats of the car, bathrooms, etc.
- 2. Daily Log-off Times
  - Time of the day where all devices are put away—times may be different based on student's age
- 3. Overnight Device Bedroom Policy
  - Remove all devices with screens from rooms overnight
  - Create a "Family Charging Station" in parents' room or public area
- 4. Device Audits
  - · Monthly (or more frequent) audits of devices
  - Look through texts, apps, pictures, Tweets, etc.
- 5. Know Accounts and Logins
  - Understand what "accounts" your student has and check them whenever you want
- 6. Plan consequences in advance if plan is broken
- 7. Allow for designated free-time with their devices

Source: Tony Bianco, Middle School Student Minister, The Loop Campus – FBC Houston

#### **Bible Verses**

Job 31:1; Psalm 119:9–16; Romans 12:1–2; 2 Corinthians 10:3–5; Ephesians 6:10–18; Philippians 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8



# "The Struggle for the Soul & Our Success"

Psalm 119:9-11 March 6, 2016

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### **A Preliminary Perspective**

- 1. "Pornography" is rooted in the Greek word *porneia*, which means to practice prostitution or sexual immorality
- 2. Both men and women are tempted.
- 3. Every stumble is not addiction, but it can quickly become one.
- 4. THERE IS <u>HOPE</u>!!

# It Is a Pathogen & More Specifically & Parasite

# It is a <u>Pandemic</u>

### The Pathway to Pornography

Three Reasons: <u>Affordability</u>, Accessibility, and Anonymity. (Morgan Bennett at Pepperdine University School of Law)

# The Process to Understand

- 1. Pornography acts like a drug.
- 2. Pornography is also a <u>brain</u> issue, not just moral or spiritual issue.
- 3. If pornography brings a chemical reaction why is it wrong?

- ✓ People are seen as objects instead of made in God's image.
- ✓ It is NOT <u>victimless</u>: promotes and finances trafficking, abuse, and prostitution.
- ✓ It destroys families and lives.

#### The Plan to Be Set Free Psalm 119:9–11

- 1. Our <u>Head</u> Renew and Rewire Our Minds *Romans* 12:2
  - Remove the Filth and Replace with Freedom
    2 *Timothy 2:22*
  - ✓ <u>Flee</u> and then <u>Pursue</u> 1 *Timothy 6:11-12* We Have to Be Willing to Fight!

## 2. Our <u>Hands</u> – Create a Protection Plan Psalm 119:9

- ✓ <u>We</u> is stronger than <u>me</u>: accountability and confession.
- ✓ <u>Connect</u> instead of <u>click</u>. Spend time with others.
- ✓ Develop a Family Plan (see Resources section)
- ✓ Know your <u>triggers</u>. When are you most vulnerable? Luke 4:13
- ✓ Seek Professional Help and Other Specific Ways to Be Set Free. Go see a counselor, attend Celebrate Recovery or get in a S.A. Group.
- ✓ Understand That You Will Not Be Set Free in 1 Day. It Is a Struggle, A Process/Journey to walk through.
- 3. Our <u>Hearts</u> Trust the Grace of Jesus *Psalm 119:9-11, 14*

- ✓ Flee Shame and Run to the <u>Savior</u>. 1 Corinthians 6:9– 11; Luke 15:11–31
- ✓ Come From Condemnation to the <u>Kindness</u> of God. Romans 2:4, 8:1
- ✓ Step Out of <u>Fear</u> and into <u>Forgiveness</u>. Romans 5; 2 Corinthians 5:21

## RESOURCES

#### Websites

- CovenantEyes.com
- XXXChurch.com
- Just1ClickAway.org
- SexualIntegrityInitiative.com
- PornProofKids.org
- BlazingGrace.org
- FocusOnTheFamily.com/socialissues/family/pornography/ pornography-issue
- PureLifeMinistries.org
- StopPornCulture.org/about/about-the-issue/facts-andfigures-2
- FamilySafeMedia.com
- PornHarms.com

### Articles

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- *10 Steps to Win over Pornography*, ChuckLawless.com, Jan 10, 2016 (http://hfb.cta.gs/PR2)
- Six Guidelines to Put Technology in its Proper Place, GrowingLeaders.com, Sep 3, 2014 (http://hfb.cta.gs/PR3)
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