

## Untouchables: Part One – Pornography

### 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

#### Series Summary

*Pornography, Abortion, Divorce, Homosexuality...* Topics that are too hot for many churches to handle. We will explore some of the most important social and moral issues of our time and bring them into the light of God's Word so that Christians will know how to respond to some of the most controversial topics facing our society today!

#### Big Idea

The Big Idea is **Sexual Purity**. Pornography is a topic that churches do not like to discuss because they do not know how to respond. Many in the church believe that this subject does not apply to them but this far from the truth. 47% of all Christians in America struggle with pornography. Chances are you know someone who struggles with this disease. This message will focus on understanding God's plan for sexual purity and how this understanding can help us overcome this addiction.

#### Presenting the Facts About Pornography

- Answer the question: Why does this matter to you?
- Give Statistics on Pornography
- Give Testimonials on how Pornography affects people.
- Draw the connection between Sexual Immorality and Pornography
- **Genesis 2:24** – For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
- **Genesis 1:27-28** – So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”
- **Key Point** – God created man, woman, and He also created them to have a special relationship through healthy sexual relations within the confines of marriage. Pornography is an attack from the enemy in which Satan uses it to warp and confuse a healthy human view of sex and relationships.

#### Discovering the Purity Principle

The real issue when dealing with pornography is the issue of sexual purity yet our culture has deceived itself saying that it is only pictures or videos and that it will not effect my view of sex or my sex life itself. This is far from the truth. Today, we must discover the Purity Principle in order to overcome an addiction to Pornography.

#### Stage #1 – Determine what will have Mastery Over Your Body (v. 12-14)

- **Romans 6:14-15** – <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
- **Galatians 5:1** – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

- **Key Point** – The first key point draws off of verses 12-14 where Paul is discussing the issue of freedom and bondage. If you are not living in freedom then you are living in bondage. Most people do not associate an addiction to pornography or sexual sin as an addiction but it very much is. Every person will choose what has mastery over their body, will it be God and his righteousness which leads to freedom or will it be sin such as pornography which leads to destruction of relationships, marriages, and friendships.

### Stage #2 – Set Your Heart Against the Nature of Impurity (v. 13-16)

- Psalm 1:1 – Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
- **Key Point** – This key point deals with the issue of impurity and helps us understand that God did not design the human body for immorality. No sin is more enslaving than sexual sin and it is not easy to be in control of ourselves as we sometimes think. We must be proactive and begin setting our hearts against the nature of impurity in order to overcome even the hint of sexual immorality.

### Stage #3 – Seek Purity in All Areas of Your Life (v. 17-20)

- **Philippians 3:20-21** – <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.
- **Key Point** – The key point here is that we are called to not only to seek purity in all areas of our life but also to flee sexual immorality. We do this because of the fact that we are united with Christ and as a Christian then we bring shame and dishonor to Christ when we choose to enter into sexual sin. We must understand that we seek purity because of the simple fact that this body is not our own, it belongs to the Lord. You were bought for a price and that price was the very life of Jesus Christ.

### Questions to Consider

1. How has the issue of sexual purity impacted your life or the life of some of your family members?
2. Is the issue of sexual purity essential to discuss as Christians? Explain.

### Memory Verse

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** – Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

### Big Idea Challenge

Begin seeking purity in your life this week by taking advantage of some of the resources we have available for you. Talk to your children and grandchildren about God's desire for purity and support them as they seek purity.

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