Welcome to Parent Connect

Teens and Pornography
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Table Discussion

Introduce yourself

what thoughts/feelings do you have about what you just saw?

what are you hoping to learn today?

Stories of Exposure
Pornography

- 12% of all websites are pornographic [8]
- 25% of all web searches are pornographic [8]
- 83% of men ages 18-25 view pornography [1]
- 53% of boys ages 12-15 report use sexually explicit media [3]

In 2006 the U.S. porn industry exceeded 13 billion dollars (more than ABC, NBC, and CBS combined) [8]

Hamartia

Greek word translated for “sin”

Literally means to “miss the mark”

When you “sin” you are “missing the mark.”
God’s “mark”
sex in covenant of marriage throughout Scripture
sex is a gift and meant to be enjoyed
sexual activity outside of marriage “misses the mark”

Sexual Immorality
from the greek word “porneia”
means sex outside of God’s intent for marriage
“sexual immorality” misses the mark = “sin”

Passages
Colossians 3
I Corinthians 6
Matthew 5

Effects of Pornography
• Increases callousness toward women [10,11]
• Distorted perception of sexuality [10,11]
• Increased appetite for more deviant bizarre types of pornography [10,11]
• Used as an escape [7]
**Effects of Pornography**

- Develops guilt and sense of failure \[9\]
- Devaluation of the importance of monogamy \[10,11\]
- Decreased satisfaction with partner’s sexual performance, affection, and physical appearance. \[10,11\]
- Fuels Sex Trafficking as a training ground and marketplace for trafficked women & children. \[4\]

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**What do I do?**

- check yourself
- create barriers
- talk to your kids (the talks not the talk)

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**Range of Exposure**

Never Use

Addiction

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**Before Anything...**
if discovered...
  don’t freak out
  listen/ask questions
  share your experience
  fix the leak

above all...
  pray
  focus on developing relationship
  (this gives you access to shape the heart)
  create honesty around issue
  (normalize, no shame, no guilt, love no matter what)

Over time...
If child resists or persists, professional help is needed.
(motivation is the key to healing)

Counseling Perspective
assess the child
(length of time, depth, stumbled across, curious, addicted)
discover their story and underlying motives
(how they began, what they get from it, where they hope to go in life)
Counseling Perspective

help them understand themselves
(externalize the behavior, internalize solutions, help visualize goals, understand negative effects, fears, triggers, negative rituals)

develop positive coping
(someone they can call, join support group, retraining the brain, use strengths, celebrate small victories, understand healthy sexuality)

References


