

# Parent Reflection Page: Paul Schenk, Psy. D.

## Grade Level: Middle and High School

**Note:** In this video, Dr. Paul Schenk uses frank and explicit language about sexual imagery in Internet porn.

Use this reflection page to explore the thoughts and ideas expressed by Dr. Paul Schenk in the Deeper Look Video.

1. Pornography is a difficult subject to discuss with other adults, and even more difficult with children. However, we are fooling ourselves if we think young people today are not looking at Internet porn, some at addicted levels — and current research points to eight (8) as the age children are introduced to Internet pornography. Whose responsibility is it to approach this subject with our children? Why?

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2. It has been said that once you see pornography you can't unlearn that image. Why is this important to remember when talking to our children about pornography of any kind?

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3. Dr. Schenk opens by saying, "It's important for parents to appreciate that what's out there now is nothing like what we remember and what we had available to us years ago." Why is it necessary to be aware of this? Why is Internet porn more dangerous to our children's growth than the print pornography of the past?

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4. Dr. Schenk says that Internet porn does not depict “balanced relationships” but rather it shows males dominating females. What is a balanced relationship? How does he say the imbalance portrayed in Internet porn manifests itself in the workplace? At home? How do we teach our children that this is not an appropriate view of relationships in our current culture?

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5. The video closes with these words: “...one of the risks (of Internet pornography) is that teens don’t learn how to do the slow, persevering work in building a relationship to keep it going. It’s too easy to get it with a mouse click.” How do you teach your child about the “slow, persevering work” of healthy relationships?

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