

Victimless Crime

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Fallen man attempts to minimize the effects of his vices with worn out clichés like, “I’m not hurting anyone but myself.” A large segment of our society has adopted the philosophy that what is done in private is the business of no one else. There is just enough truth in that to make it dangerous!

Do we not all understand that all sinful conduct affects all of us? Much sinful activity that occurs in private ends up costing the entire society in increased medical care and insurance cost, for example. Privately practiced evil emanates from a mindset regarding morality that is spiraling downward. This attitude necessarily affects public conduct, also.

One sin that is commonly defended as having no victims but the one who willingly participates in the privacy of home is pornography.

The current issue of *The Restoration Herald* (Aug., 2005) has a column written by Jim Book, a preacher in Winter Park, FL in which he refers to the present prevalence of pornography as “The Black Plague of the 21st Century.” Mr. Book cites statistics that clearly demonstrate the fact that there are many victims besides the consumer at the computer.

According to his research, Mr. Book states that

- 86% of convicted rapists are regular consumers of pornography.
- The average teen in America will witness over 9,230 acts of illicit sexual behavior or innuendo in a year of television viewing.
- About 75% of music videos have sexual themes.

[By the way, is it really impossible to sell hamburgers or shaving cream without the aid of pornography?]

Book quotes an article in the 1997 issue of *Family Voice*

magazine that alleges that 85% of the revenue from the sale of “adult” material goes into the coffers of organized crime.

No victims?

Perhaps those most susceptible to the damage pornography does are children. Computer savvy teens all the way down to lower elementary level children can be bombarded by such filth innocently.

According to the Amplified Christian Filter,

- 705 children were abducted through Internet activities in a single year.
- 9 out of 10 children between the ages of 8 and 16 have viewed pornography on the Internet.
- 4 out of 5 children have received inappropriate E-Mail.
- 1 in 5 children has been sexually propositioned on the Internet.

No victims?

We cannot provide a scientific or sociological explanation for the power of visual stimuli, but we know it is real. Any household that has a computer, much less a television, is a daily receptacle of decadent and deviant debauchery.

One response to this reality is to condemn the Internet and throw out the computer. But this is not our only option. Other options, however, demand that someone in the household be the adult and control the situation. This means parents must take decisive and definitive action to protect the innocent children. And many adults need to enter into a covenant with their eyes (Job 31:1) by providing no occasion for offense.

There are many tools on the market to filter such material that would otherwise contaminate your home by way of the computer. One tool has been developed by ContentWatch. To access the Amplified Christian Filter, log onto the KCMH-FM 91.5 web site

(kcmhradio.com) and click the banner at the bottom of the page.



Eleven is the average age when a child is first exposed to pornography on the web. It takes only four clicks of the mouse for a child to disable conventional internet security. But one is the number of times it takes for your child to become a victim scarred by images of immorality.

Parents, protect your children by accessing the strongest line of defense against harmful attacks.