

Stats from Sunday, September 28, 2014 sermon entitled "The Priority of Personal Purity"

- *The Social Costs of Pornography* - by The Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, N.J.
"Although pornography has existed for millennia, never has it been as widely available or used as it has been in recent years,... There is evidence that more people, children, adolescents, and adults are consuming pornography, sporadically, inadvertently, or chronically than ever before... Internet porn can be psychologically addictive and can even reach levels of what psychologists call a 'compulsive' addiction, meaning that it continues 'despite negative consequences' to a person. Similar to what is required of cigarettes, the report says all porn-print/digital 'should carry a warning' about porn's addictive potential and possible psychological harm."
- A 2000 study published in *Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity*, found that among the 68 % of couples in which one person was addicted to internet porn, one or both had lost interest in sex. Results of the same study indicated that porn use was a major contributing factor to increased risk of separation and divorce.
- A 2004 study published in *Social Science Quarterly* found that internet users who had had an extramarital affair were 3.18 times more likely to have used online porn than internet users who had not had an affair.
- A 2008 study by OnlineFamily.Norton.com of undergraduate and graduate students ages 18-26 showed 69 % of the men and 10 % of the women viewed pornography more than once a month.
- Nashville, Tenn. (Baptist Press)— "Raising children and teens in a sexually charged culture was difficult long before cell phones and the Internet came along, but when technology combined the two into one handheld device- and added a camera-it became, some say, nearly impossible... Add to that the mix of social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter, all of which allow instant and far-reaching communication, and the task gets even tougher. Consider the fact that the 4th most searched word on the Internet for kids ages 7 and under in 2009 was 'porn' according to data by OnlineFamily.Norton.com. For all kids up to age 18, sex was #4, porn #5... It is projected that Web-enabled cell phones-which are growing in popularity and are by their very nature tough to monitor-will become the nation's primary connection tool to the Internet by 2020."

