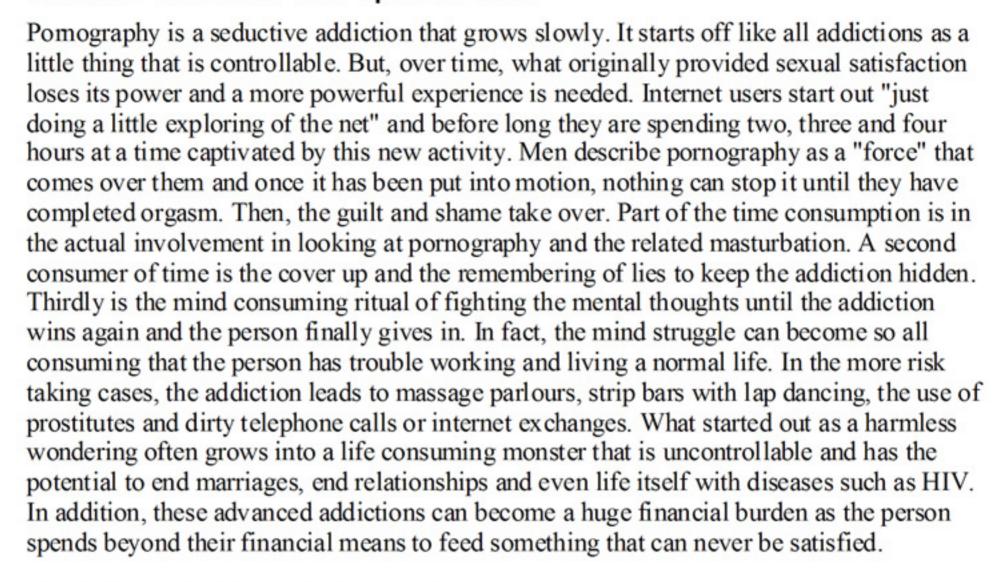


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Pitfall # 3 - It Doesn't Take Up Much Time



Pitfall # 4 - It Is Not A Spiritual Thing

The world talks about the value of sexual freedom and TV shows like "Sex In The City" encourage promiscuity as good and healthy activities for liberated people. On the other hand, Ted Roberts, a senior pastor of a congregational church in Oregon, says in his book "Pure Desire", "God¹s image male and female is revealed on planet earth when a husband and wife come together in the covenant relationship of marriage". He says God is not uptight about sex, because he invented it. But, sex is a gift from God that needs to be celebrated in the covenant relationship of marriage. Is it any wonder that Satan and his forces use pornography to try to undermine the image of God by attempting to destroy marriages and healthy male and female relationships? Pomography is not just a worldly activity it is also a spiritual battleground where the image of God is being attacked.

Pitfall # 5 - It's A Simple Thing That Can Just Be Stopped

People who tell a user of pornography to stop may find that the person can stop for a day or a week or even a month. But, then it returns even worse than before. Dealing with pornography is much more complex than just telling the person to stop. Like most addictions, the roots of the problem need more than just behavioral changes. Listed below are four areas that need to be addressed when dealing with the addiction of pornography.





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1) The Roots

- a) the family dysfunction
- b) the personal wounds and traumas (pain that needs covering)
- c) the influence of our addictive society & culture

2) The Destructive Core Concepts

- a) belief of worthlessness
- b) belief of being unlovable
- c) the loneliness
- d) the sexual high received from the experience

3) The Addictive Cycle

- a) the fantasy
- b) the ritual
- c) the hiding
- d) the shame and guilt

4) The Addictive Cloak

- a) denial
- b) delusion
- c) blame
- d) fear

All these areas need to be addressed for a permanent solution, and even then, it may take a number of years for the person to achieve victory. An addiction to pornography is one of the most difficult challenges a person can face. Just as an alcoholic cannot stop drinking on his/her own, a person who is fighting an addiction to pornography needs help. He/she needs support, understanding, forgiveness, committed friendship and professional help as he/she wrestles with this incredibly persistent problem.