

**"... Pornography and Our Sexualized Culture!"**

(Genesis 1, 2; 1 Thessalonians 4; Song of Solomon ...)

**I. Introduction: I've Been Thinking about ...**

- A. The subject
1. Alligators which are not talked about
  2. Alligators that must be talked about
    - C. S. Lewis
    - R. Kent Hughes
    - Richard Foster
- B. The statistics
1. The use of pornography
    - Leadership Magazine
    - Christianity Today
    - Barna Research Group and Covenant Eyes
  2. The use of the internet
- C. The slavery
1. The entrapment of the addicts of porn
  2. The abuse of women and children – Trafficking

**II. Exposition: ... Pornography and Our Sexualized Culture**

- A. The **affirmation** of human sexuality (Genesis 1, 2)
1. Sexuality and **spirituality** (Genesis 1:26-28a)
  2. Sexuality and **satisfaction** (Genesis 2:21-25)
    - Genesis 26:8
    - Proverbs 5:15-23
    - Song of Solomon
- B. The **aberration** of human sexuality (1 Thess. 4:3-8)
1. Sanctification to be pursued
  2. Sexual immorality (porneia) to be avoided
  3. Student of yourself
    - Not in lustful passion ... called in sanctity

- Not transgress ... rejection of God
- Not defraud ... Lord will avenge

C. The **celebration** of human sexuality (Song of Solomon)

- Karl Barth "Expanded commentary on Gen. 2:25"
1. The **passion** (intensity)
    - Song 1:2; 2:5; 3:1-4; 4:16-5:1; 5:8
  2. The **purity** (restraint)
    - Song 2:7 (3:5, 8:4); 4:12; 8:8-10
  3. The **partnership** (mutuality)
    - Song 1:4, 12-14; 4:1-7; 5:10-16; 7:1-13
    - Reverse the Curse
  4. The **permanence** (consecration)
    - Song 8:6-7
    - 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a/Matthew 19:6

**III. Conclusion: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

- The selection: The fake verses the real
- The strategy: The disciplined use of the mind

**Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:**

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Pornography is huge issue in our culture and in our churches. Why do many avoid talking about this subject? How have you dealt with this issue in your own life, marriage and family?
3. What did you learn about God's **affirmation** for human sexuality?
4. How do you personally battle and address the **aberration** of human sexuality that is so prevalent in our culture?
5. In what ways can we **celebrate** human sexuality that is both honoring to God and people?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)