

**Pornography - Be Ye Clean
To Priesthood Quorums
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Be Ye Clean

- D&C 38:42
 - "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord"
 - How does that relate to Pornography?
 - H David Burton:
" Pornography and priesthood are not compatible" ("Honoring the Priesthood," Ensign, May 2000, 38)
- "The Spirit of the Lord doth not dwell in unholy temples" (Helaman 4:24)
 - You cannot have the Spirit of the Lord with you if you are a partaker of pornography
 - You will be full of darkness instead of light

Pornography is addictive

- James E Faust:
" Another false philosophy that appeals to the Mr. Hyde side of our natures is that peeking into pornography is harmless. This is a terrible deception. Pornography is as addictive as cocaine or any illegal drug." (James E. Faust, "The Enemy Within," Ensign, Nov. 2000, 44)
 - Would anyone here say its "alright to try a little cocaine"?
 - "A little won't hurt"
 - Sounds like Satan
 - Lesson from Korihor
 - Alma 30:60
 - "thus we see that the devil will not support his children at the last day, but doth speedily drag them down to hell."
 - 2nd Nephi 28:19-22
 - "Do whatever it takes to avoid even a little"
 - If that means no internet – so be it
 - If that means you are only on the computer when someone else is present - so be it.
 - If that means the computer is off at 9:00 at night – so be it

- If that means turning off the TV – so be it.
- If that means not going to movies – so be it.
- Is it worth your soul?
- "Run away, don't hesitate"
- "Fill your mind with something else"

If you have Teenage boys

- 2 Nephi 28:21
 - "Carnal Security"
- Don' assume it is not a problem
 - Ask "Have you ever?"
- We hear it every conference
- We talk about it periodically in our quorums etc.
- We are talking to your youth – every interview
- Part of raising the bar is you need to be actively, as appropriate per their age discussing this.
- Would you not discuss with them about drugs?

"Looketh on a woman to lust"

- Matthew 5:27-28
 - "whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart"
- D&C 42:23
 - "he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her shall deny the faith"
- Once you begin to indulge in pornography you begin to "look upon a woman to lust"

Pornography leads to other sin

- Satan's favorite – leads to other sin
- My experience
 - Moral sins - Pornography almost always involved
 - Pornography – leads to moral sins

Whited Sepulchres

- Matthew 23:25-28
 - “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ... ye are like unto whited sepulchres”
 - If you are a partaker – repent
 - Cleanse the inner vessel
- H. David Burton:
” Pornography and priesthood are not compatible” (“Honoring the Priesthood,” Ensign, May 2000, 38)
- Based on my experience as Bishop
 - Every one of us will face pornographic temptations
 - I am sure there are men in this quorum with pornography addictions
 - Cleanse the inner vessel

Can't "White Knuckle"

- If you are in a cycle then you need help to break out
- If you are in and haven't tried to stop then you are in serious trouble
- You can't wait to repent later
- Hard – hard to admit to someone else
 - Don't let your pride keep you in sin