



WEEK 5:

Being In Step With the Spirit

FACT:

"Porn" is the #4 ranked internet search term by kids under 7.
-- xxxchurch.com

FACT:

The average age a person first views porn is 11.
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FACT:

90% of 8-16 year olds have viewed porn online.
-- xxxchurch.com

FACT:

25% of all employees use the internet at work to look at porn.
-- xxxchurch.com

FACT:

Nearly half of all divorces list porn as a contributing factor.
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Through new technology, porn has become a cultural trend that is affecting all age groups, all races, and all classes. Virtually every aspect of ordinary day-to-day life is being shaped by porn. It's not so much that porn has become mainstream, which we often hear, as that the mainstream has become porned.

-- Carmine Sarracino & Kevin M. Scott,
The Porning of America

For the first time in history, we are living in a pornified culture and we have no idea what this means for ourselves, our relationships, and our society. One thing we know – porn has changed our marriages and families as well as our children's understanding of sex and sexuality.

-- Pamela Paul, *Pornified: How Pornography is Transforming Our Lives, Our Relationships, and Our Families*

Pornography and our response to it alter our brain in a way that is difficult to undo. Pornography is the consumption of sexual poison that becomes part of the fabric of the mind.

-- William M. Struthers, *Wired for Intimacy*

For most of human history, the erotic images have been reflections of, or celebrations of, or substitutes for, real naked women. For the first time in history, the images' power and allure have supplanted that of real naked women. Today, real naked women are just bad porn.

-- N. Wolf, *The Porn Myth* (New York Magazine)

Chandler: I was just at the bank and there was this really hot teller, and she didn't ask me to go do it with her in the vault!

Joey: Same kind of thing happened to me! Woman pizza-delivery guy comes over, gives me the pizza, takes the money, and leaves!

Chandler: What? No, "Nice apartment, I bet the bedrooms are huge?"

Joey: No! Nothing!

Chandler: You know what? We have to turn off the porn.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

-- Jesus