

The Silent Killer God's Man & Sexual Purity

Review / Introduction

Hollywood's Frankenstein

"Using body parts from a variety of corpses, Dr. Frankenstein stitched together his creation and brought the "monster" to life. The monster eventually turned on his master and everyone else, wreaking havoc and disaster. Dr. Frankenstein couldn't control the monster—it had a life of its own."

Frankenstein mirrors the life of many Christian men & PORNOGRAPHY.

Pornography's cold fingers have pried open the doors of the church . . . with devastating effects on men, marriages, and their kids.

"Most men wouldn't CONSIDER taking illegal DRUGS. You wouldn't RISK that ARTIFICIAL HIGH. You know the DANGERS—how it will DESTROY your life. PORNOGRAPHY is the DRUG OF THIS GENERATION."

If you're into pornography at all . . . likely you'll fit in one of 3 CATEGORIES

1. ***"It's no big deal. It's not like I'm committing adultery."***
2. ***You know it's wrong . . . you're not ready to leave it—but think you can.***
3. ***You know it's wrong and have tried to leave it—but you keep coming back.***

Where did Dr. Frankenstein make his MISTAKE? Where did it START?
He went where he didn't belong . . .

- The graveyard . . .***
- The place of the dead . . .***

This is exactly what is happening to Christian men and boys . . . they are going WHERE THEY DON'T BELONG.

Some honestly BELIEVE they ARE IN CONTROL thinking they can look at pornography with no ill effects.

Who became the REAL MASTER . . . Dr. Frankenstein or the MONSTER?

When the monster was UNLEASHED, how DESTRUCTIVE was it?

Men THINK THEY CAN CONTROL the use of pornography . . .

-They think they are the master . . .

"Pornography CAN'T BE CONTROLLED. It is a MONSTER. And it has a way of ESCAPING and DESTROYING MEN & MARRIAGES & FAMILIES."

Romans 6 . . . selected verses

v6-7 *"We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin."*

v10-14 *"When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master . . ."*

16. *"Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you chose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living."*

There was a time when sin was our MASTER and we were the SLAVE.

Jesus DEFEATED SIN on the CROSS, and sin's power over us died as well.

-Romans 6: 7—we were SET FREE from the POWER of SIN.

-Romans 6:14 says "Sin is no longer your master . . ."

**Sin's POWER OVER ME is PRONOUNCED DEAD by JESUS.
But is it possible to REVERT BACK to SIN being my MASTER?**

-Romans 6:12 "Do not let sin CONTROL the way you live . . ."

-Romans 6:13 "Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to SERVE SIN . . ."

-Romans 6:16 "Don't you realize that you become the SLAVE of whatever you chose to obey? You can be a SLAVE to SIN, which leads to death, or you can CHOOSE to OBEY God, which leads to righteous living."

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"Like the electrodes on Frankenstein's monster I recharge sin. I can bring sin back to life—and it becomes a monster. Sin can become my master again. I can become addicted."

If sin is my master, can I STOP ANY TIME I WANT TO?

“As no one is discharged in time of war, so wickedness will not release those who practice it.” Ecclesiastes 8:8

“I find more bitter than death the woman who is a snare, whose heart is a trap and whose hands are chains. The man who pleases God will escape her, but the sinner she will ensnare.” Ecclesiastes 7:26

**For most men the MONSTER is BREATHING
with a life of it's own LONG BEFORE they realize it.**

*“If you haven't been involved in pornography—STAY AWAY. Don't go there.
If you have DABBLED in it . . . even if it isn't frequent you are in very real DANGER.”*

The fatal miscalculation . . . guys forget there is no escaping sin and it's effects.

DEMO. . . sugar and sulfuric acid

**Besides making children, how did God design sex to BENEFIT
a man & his wife in marriage?**

- It STRENGTHENS the two in a physical & emotional bond.
- It PROMOTES TRUST between the two.
- It REKINDLES PASSIONATE LOVE.
- It DISSOLVES PETTY IRRITATIONS & DIFFERENCES
- It REMINDS couples how much THEY NEED EACH OTHER.
- Ultimately God is the glue in marriage, but sex works like GLUE,
clamping the two together.
- It helps MELT AWAY the worries, fears, and problems of the day.
- It makes a hard day BEARABLE.
- It is like REBOOTING a COMPUTER, getting back to specs.
- It FEELS GOOD, too.

Should we be surprised that the devil would like to mess that up?

If he can MESS UP our SEX LIFE, he'll probably MESS UP our MARRIAGE.

8 WAYS PORNOGRAPHY MESSES UP GOOD SEX IN MARRIAGE

1. Porn GIVES FALSE EXPECTATIONS.

"It's about WOMEN CRAVING SEX as much as a man does—and that generally isn't the way it is in real life. When it isn't quite that frequent or exciting, it will lead to problems in your marriage."

2. Porn PROMOTES SELFISH SEX.

"In marriage, you'll begin to want your wife to satisfy your desires that are getting more twisted."

3. Porn SEPERATES YOU from the REAL WORLD.

"Porn portrays sex outside of marriage without the tragic NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES."

- No REGRETS.
- No CRIPPLING GUILT.
- No MISERY of LIVING A DOUBLE STANDARD.
- No DISEASE. (Some diseases that will rob you of normal sex ever again.)
- No HEARTBREAK.
- No DESTROYED MARRIAGES.
- No KIDS RAVAGED by DIVORCE.
- No LOSS OF RESPECT.
- No REPUTATIONS RUINED.
- No JOBS LOST.
- No UNEXPECTED PREGNANCIES.

"This opens you up to being unfaithful to your wife in a variety of ways."

4. Porn TWISTS your TASTES.

"Porn lures you away from sex between 1 man & 1 woman committed to each other in marriage. Married men who get into porn will often PREFER IMAGINARY SEX to the REAL THING."

"Without healthy sex with your wife SOMETHING WILL DIE BETWEEN YOU."

NOTE: When medical or physical conditions prohibit this, God gives special grace.

5. Porn Will PUSH YOU to LIVE OUT your FANTASIES.

6. Porn fosters a spirit of RESENTMENT TOWARD your WIFE.

*"You start thinking NOT about how wrong what you're doing is,
but about how WRONG YOUR WIFE is."*

*"If SHE would just be a little more interested in sex, like some of the women in the pornography,
I wouldn't need this stuff."*

7. Porn is ADDICTING- whether you're married or not.

*"It is a craving. And that craving is an addiction. Whether you see yourself as addicted or not,
breaking away isn't so easy—even if you want to."*

"If you're into pornography—even occasionally, a wife often looks at that as YOU being UNFAITHFUL to her. Pornography becomes the OTHER WOMAN. That will affect your married sex life."

8. Pornography will POISON YOUR WIFE, YOUR RELATIONSHIP with her, and her ABILITY to GIVE YOU GREAT SEX.

3 kinds of things that will go through her mind.

A. "I can never satisfy him. I can never be enough."

-As a result, she may SHY AWAY FROM SEX or GIVE UP, feeling like she can't measure up or compete.

-They don't want to feel like they have to compete with WHORES for your attention.

-NOW THE IDEA of HAVING SEX with YOU REMINDS your WIFE of the PORNOGRAPHY YOU'RE INTO—and it makes them want to AVOID SEX with YOU.

-They'll often divert their love, their energy someplace else. It could be the KIDS, EATING, other ESCAPES—or maybe even ANOTHER MAN.

B. "My body isn't good enough."

-The fact that you look at other women, often probably younger women, tells your wife she isn't YOUNG enough or PRETTY enough.

-That leads to feelings of FAILURE, LOW SELF ESTEEM, and a general sense of "Why keep trying?"

-She becomes more self conscious and inhibited sexually, further widening the chasm between the two of you.

C. "I can never trust him."

-She'll LOSE TRUST and RESPECT FOR YOU. Her LOVE FOR YOU WILL SHRIVEL & DIE. What do you think that does for your sex life with her?

Men fool themselves in so many ways regarding pornography.

- I'm NOT ADDICTED. I CAN HANDLE THIS.
- I can stop WHENEVER I want—and someday I will.
- I'm NOT HURTING ANYONE.
- This is just is my little VICE - OUTLET – ENTERTAINMENT
- This ISN'T AFFECTING ME. I'M IN CONTROL.
- This ISN'T AFFECTING my MARRIAGE or my KIDS.
- If my wife was more understanding, I wouldn't need this. It's her fault.
- I deserve this little outlet. I'm entitled to it. I've earned it. It's my reward.
- It's NOT as BAD as actually COMMITTING ADULTERY.
- This ISN'T AFFECTING my RELATIONSHIP with GOD.

PORNOGRAPHY is WRONG. It is SIN. The Bible is CLEAR about it.

- A woman who has sex outside of marriage is an ADULTRESS.
- A woman who has sex for pay is a WHORE or a PROSTITUTE.
- Scripture is clear about AVOIDING these types of women . . .

“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”
Matthew 5:28

The Bible gives a picture of what this kind of woman will do to you.

“For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked but she knows it not.

Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house. At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, “How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly.”
Proverbs 5:3-14

“Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife? For a man's ways are if full view of the Lord, and he examines all his paths. The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of sin hold him fast. He will die for lack of discipline led astray by his own great folly.”
Proverbs 5:20-23

“So listen to me, my sons, and pay attention to my words. Don't let your hearts stray away toward her. Don't wander down her wayward path. For she has been the ruin of many; many men have been her victims. Her house is the road to the grave. Her bedroom is the den of death.”
Proverbs 7:24-27

This isn't harmless or something you're ENTITLED to. This is the "HOUSE of DEATH" you're heading for. You're DESTROYING YOURSELF.

You're headed down a PATH that has RUINED COUNTLESS STRONG MEN.

A path that leads to LOSS, PAIN, SUFFERING, and INTENSE REGRET.

A path that leads to a COLD, FAKE relationship with God . . .

That's losing the most important thing in life.

"This is a path that will TAKE YOU OUT as a GUARD, and it CAN rip apart your marriage and your kids. You're PLAYING in the GRAVEYARD. You've got to get out before the gates are locked and you're doomed."

Some of you are RELYING on GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

With a casual attitude, you are abusing GOD'S FORGIVENESS and GRACE.

"I mess up, and he forgives. As simple as that."

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Gal. 6:7-8

Hosea talks about God's people who WILLFULLY sinned.

Hosea 4:11-12 explains that their BEHAVIOR took away their UNDERSTANDING.

". . . a people without understanding will come to ruin!"

Hosea 4:14

Hosea 5:4-7 talks about them not being able to return to God.

-They'd be doing what they wanted to do without really considering or acknowledging God. This is described as arrogance in Hosea 5:5 and they stumbled in their sin.

-Verse 6 talks about them seeking the Lord but not being allowed to find him It talks about the Lord withdrawing himself from them because of their continued unfaithfulness. They lost their closeness with God.

-The very things they pursued destroyed them. (vs 7-)

I can't casually do something wrong and simply figure I'll ask forgiveness and that will be all there is to it.

Sin CHANGES my HEART. DARKENS my UNDERSTANDING. I may not even WANT to repent. Sin DISTANCES me from God and quenches the Holy Spirit.

This is living outside God's boundaries of protection.
This is ignoring the warnings of wisdom.

"Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me. Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord, since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."
Proverbs 1:28-33

Don't take repentance & forgiveness & grace for granted.

"Flee from sexual immorality. All of the sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, who you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." (prophecy about Jesus) Isaiah 61:1

THERE IS HOPE. God can set you free from the MONSTER OF PORNOGRAPHY.

10 STARTING POINTS for BREAKING FREE

1. CONFESSION & REPENTANCE . . . to GOD

-It is not your wife's fault. A man chooses . . .

2. UNDERSTAND YOURSELF . . . Why do you keep turning to pornography? (Besides the obvious reasons of curiosity and lust.)

From Jeff Olson's book, *When A Man's Eye Wanders . . .*

-They need affirmation as a man . . . a need for intimacy . . .

- They **want easy relief** . . . an outlet . . . an escape . . .
- It is their form of **subtle revenge** . . . getting back at their wife . . .
- It is a form of **personal sabotage** . . . they disqualify themselves and don't have to risk failure . . .

3. SPIRIT CONTROL . . . Ask him to **CHANGE your **DESIRES** . . . your **HEART**.**

"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun." Psalm

37:4-5

"In my distress I prayed to the LORD, and the LORD answered me and set me free." Ps. 118:5

- Understand deliverance may not happen instantly. It may be a **long, hard struggle**.

4. SELF CONTROL . . . exercise will power

"Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control." Proverbs 25:28

To **protect yourself** and **those you love**—**get some WALLS of PROTECTION UP!**

A. GET RID OF TRIGGERS

- Get rid of stash of pornographic DVD's or MAGAZINES -clean out your COMPUTER
- Cancel your INTERNET or CABLE service .
- Distance yourself from others who are a bad influence on you.

B. Watch where you go—stay off paths that leads to temptation.

- Walking into a video rental store, staying up late on the computer or when you TRAVEL.

C. Don't masturbate.

- It generally involves fantasy which is built on lust. Matthew 5:27-30 says that's sin.

-Masturbation reinforces instant gratification, not self control. The URGE of INSTANT GRATIFICATION is your ENEMY when it comes to fighting pornography.

-Masturbation reinforces sexual fulfillment outside of marriage. Instead of depending solely on your wife for sexual fulfillment and release, you're doing it yourself with the help of lust. It fosters RESENTMENT TOWARD your WIFE—

- It doesn't reduce your need for sex, just for sex with your wife.

D. In short, don't feed the monster of pornography.

-The more you THINK about or LOOK at pornography, the MORE of an APPETITE you get for it. The more you feed the appetite, the STRONGER THIS MONSTER GETS . . .

& the *less you'll desire your wife IN HEALTHY WAYS.*

5. ACCOUNTABILITY . . . Keeping this secret isn't the best idea to conquer it.

6. TALK TO YOUR WIFE . . . In most cases you'll need to confess this to her.

-This will involve asking for her FORGIVENESS and HELP. Careful not to BLAME her.

-She needs to understand what you are doing to help yourself.

-Give her permission to ask regularly "How are you doing?" Don't get defensive.
Always tell her the truth.

7. STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

-A strong marriage will aid you in the fight . . .

-Work on the 15 Ways to Strengthen Your Marriage . . . from last week . . .

-The two of you may have to reevaluate things . . . her working, commitments, etc.

-If part of the issue is her being tired, how can you help her more?

-Regular intimacy—NOT IN A SELFISH WAY, but as PROTECTION for your marriage.

-1 Corinthians 7:5 is in the Bible to PROTECT Men, Women, Marriages, & the kids.

8. KEEP YOURSELF IN THE WORD . . . Get in it daily . . . & do what it says.

-This is your SOURCE of TRUTH in a WORLD of LIES.

-This is your SOURCE of STRENGTH.

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word." Psalm 119: 9

9. DON'T GIVE UP—KEEP FIGHTING . . . Keep working at it.

-If you STUMBLE, get back up and keep going. Remember WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING for. Yourself, your marriage, your kids, your relationship with the Lord.

10. GET PROFESSIONAL HELP . . . If you need a counselor, get one.

There is hope, but there is also a ticking clock . . .

“Dr. Frankenstein couldn’t control his fascination with things declared dead—and he created a monster that he couldn’t control. A monster that caused terror & heartache & loss.

Sex is one of God’s greatest inventions. The forces of darkness want to take this good thing and turn it into something twisted and ugly. Pornography will change you & in many ways RUIN sex for you. GUARD yourselves in this area.”

Sex in marriage can be very sweet.

If you’re single—it’s worth waiting for.

If you’re married—it’s worth protecting.

Pornography makes a poor sex-substitute.

As He sets you free you must remember Romans 6:22.

“But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.”

In other words, when God frees you, stay away from the graveyard. Right?

See Also: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, 5:21-22

Other helps with pornography:

www.settingcaptivesfree.com

www.powerofpurity.org

www.everymansbattle.ning.com

www.focusonthefamily.com