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## **We Don't Want to Talk About It – But We Have To**

Pornography. It is nearly ubiquitous, and it most surely is sinful, evil, and wicked. It objectifies people and contributes to a host of social maladies: damaged (even abused) and broken relationships (especially marriages and families), sex trafficking, child abuse and neglect, lost reputations, crimes, etc.

Pornography is in your church. It is draining spiritual life from pastors and church members alike. It is damaging relationships. It is hindering the gospel because it becomes all-consuming, sapping individuals of emotional and spiritual strength and compromising their testimony and their walk with the Lord.

However, to a large degree, no one wants to talk about it. Technology allows it be viewed anywhere on any device, and often without having to pay. The indulgence can be hidden, often for years. But eventually it takes its toll. Sin always does. (Galatians 6:8-9)

Ignoring it is not the answer. Pretending it isn't a problem is clearly not helpful. So what are we going to do about it? As a pastor, what are you going to do about it?

The first thing we suggest is that you employ a filtering service both at church and at home for your own "protection" and the protection of your staff and your family members. Promoting the use of filtering software to your church family is time well spent. Hearing it from their "Shepherd" makes a difference!

Here are two helpful services that are widely used:

Covenant Eyes -- <https://www.covenanteyes.com/>

Accountable 2 You -- <https://accountable2you.com/>

We also recommend getting informed and educated. Our good friends at The Family Leader in Iowa hosted a webinar last year, and we encourage you to give it a listen. "The Truth About Porn" by Pastor Luke Hukee can be accessed at: <https://thefamilyleader.com/combating-pornography/>

May the Lord grant you wisdom, grace and courage to address this issue that is impacting so many individuals and families in our churches.

In Christ,

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P.S. We also encourage you to check out the resources available at The Brushfires Foundation, led by our good friend Daniel Weiss, who is located here in WI. <https://www.brushfiresfoundation.org/>



