

## Digital Drugs Series Theme Verse: Psalm 106:29, 39; Romans 1:30

### Lesson 5: The Degree of Temptation - Matthew 26:41

*"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

#### 1. The Sighted Exposure (Ignored the Warning)

Social Media gives the devil help in tempting you. Num. 33:51-52 - idolatry of pagan nations: their pornographic images. Eze. 8:6-12 - ancient men of Israel looking at abominable art. God was warning of wicked art/images way back in the Old Testament. HOW MUCH MORE do we need to heed the warning today? There was a time in America when sexual matters were private, believe it or not. By the time a teenager graduates high school, they will have watched 15,000 hours of television with over 14,000 sexual references per year. With the internet, this is multiplied even more so. The number one topic that is searched for online is pornography.

#### 2. The Sinful Explosion (Introduced to Wickedness)

##### The effects of pornography:

1. Detrimental to Society
2. Degrading to Women
3. Destructive to Men
4. Damaging to Marriages

#### 3. The Snowball Effect (Injury that Weakens) - The Stages of Porn Addiction

1. The Curious Stage
2. The De-Sensitizing Stage
3. The Addiction Stage
4. The Escalation Stage
5. The Fulfillment Stage

##### The impact of addiction:

1. A Dependency that Weakens the Believer - Prov. 5:22 (sexual sins bring you into bondage)
2. A Disruption that Weakens Christian Marriages - Mat. 5:28 (lusting after someone else)
3. A Distortion that Darkens the Christian Mind - Mat. 6:22-23

Pornography addiction will lead to sexting - texting nude photos to someone else. Many girls have committed suicide because that photo sent to her boyfriend was shared with someone else. No one, ever, single or married, should be sexting, period! As a matter of fact, if you have a significant other, you shouldn't even be constantly texting or private messaging someone of the opposite sex. I watched a special last year on ABC's 20/20 concerning a 12 year old girl who fell into sexting and other things.

#### 4. The Sanctifying Element (Instructions that Work)

If this discussion has hit home to any of you, the first thing you must do admit you have a problem, honestly acknowledging it, and then repent. You must then do whatever is necessary to keep yourself from the devices/means that aids you in your addiction - whether it is setting filters, or getting rid of them altogether! After you repent and set limits, you must replace the bad with the good, and begin to have a devotional life with Bible reading and prayer daily. I strongly recommend you confide in a very spiritually mature believer, and have them be your accountability partner.

*“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” – Daniel 12:4*

# Accelerating Growth in Technology

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As Technology has advanced, so has communication, and along with that so has the Degree of Temptation!

