**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Our children and grandchildren are under a greater assault and greater attack than any generation in history.
      1. That attack is to corrupt the minds of our children through pornography.
         1. Material that was once seen and sold in back alleys is now on open display.
         2. It is being piped into the homes of America’s families through television and the internet.
   2. The battle is critical because Satan wants to do the following:
      1. Pollute a child’s mind.
      2. Corrupt that child.
      3. Steal from that child the very best.
      4. Damage that child now.
      5. Take away from that child the future and the future marital happiness that God wants for him or her.
   3. This message will help give a practical and biblical way to gain the victory.
      1. And we can have victory.
   4. But there can be no victory until we first make a personal choice and teach our children to make a personal choice.
      1. The answer is not in political action.
      2. The answer is not through electronic safeguards.
      3. Warnings are not enough.
         1. The pull, enticement, and curiosity of pornography are too strong.
      4. There must be a personal choice.
   5. In today’s message, we will look at the choice that Moses made.
      1. Hebrews 11:24-27
         1. This Scripture says very clearly and plainly that Moses chose.
      2. There will not be victory in your family or with your children until they make a choice.
         1. We are free to choose, but we are not free not to choose.
            1. Even not to choose is the choice not to choose.
         2. We are not free to choose the consequences of our choice.
            1. First of all, we choose, and then the choice chooses for us.
      3. Moses chose by faith.
         1. Hebrews 11:24-25
      4. To have faith, we have to hear from God.
         1. The Bible tells us in the book of Romans that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
            1. Romans 10:17
         2. Moses had heard from God.
            1. Once Moses heard from God, then Moses was able to make a choice.
   6. Satan’s strategy is to keep children away from hearing from God.
      1. If children do not hear from God, then they cannot make a faith choice.
         1. If they do not make a faith choice, then they are going to fail.
         2. It is the Word of God that gets in our hearts that enables us to overcome.
      2. His chief weapon is to steal away the Word of God from the hearts and minds of young people.
         1. If we do not have a word from God, then we will never overcome pornography.
   7. The devil has substituted all kinds of sources of authority:
      1. Relativism
         1. Everything is relative.
         2. There is no fixed standard of right and wrong.
      2. Subjectivism
         1. Everything is based on feeling.
         2. What is true for one person may not be true for someone else.
         3. Young people are being taught to be true to their feelings.
      3. Rationalism
         1. Behavior is based on logic.
         2. “Thus saith the mind of man” rather than “Thus saith the Word of God.”
      4. Pragmatism
         1. People don’t ask, “Is it true?”
            1. They ask, “Does it work?”
      5. Post-modernism
         1. This is the worst condition of all.
         2. This says that there is no fixed truth.
            1. There is no right.
            2. There is no wrong.
         3. This asks if there is any truth at all.
   8. Parents need to instill in their children’s hearts and minds a fixed standard of truth, and it is the Word of God.
      1. It is not enough for parents to say, “That is wrong just because I said so.”
         1. If parents do, then they are going to fail.
      2. Parents need to say:
         1. It is wrong to steal because God said so.
            1. Exodus 20:15
         2. It is wrong to commit adultery because God said so.
            1. Exodus 20:14
      3. Parents are to put rock-ribbed convictions into the hearts of their children.
      4. The duty of fathers and grandfathers is found in 3 John 1:4.
   9. It is the truth that sets us free.
      1. Jesus prayed for us in John 17:17.
         1. One translation of this verse says, “Make them holy by the truth.”
            1. If you want holy children, then those children are going to have to have the truth.
   10. In today’s message, we will look at three treasures that can be learned from the truth.
2. there must be a wise evaluation (hebrews 11:24-26)
   1. Hebrews 11:24
   2. Romans 10:17
   3. Hebrews 11:26
      1. The word “esteeming” in this verse means “considering,” “figuring,” or “judging.”
      2. Moses did some figuring and evaluating.
   4. Satan does not want us or our children to make wise evaluations.
   5. We are going to be faced, and kids today are going to be faced, with two things:
      1. Pleasures
      2. Treasures
   6. Hebrews 11:25-26
      1. The choice here is between true pleasures and ungodly pleasures.
      2. Moses had a value system that worked for him.
   7. Three treasures to write upon our children’s hearts:
      1. The treasure of a clean heart.
         1. Children need to understand how great it is to have a clean heart.
         2. Matthew 5:8
            1. Pornography will blur the vision of God.
         3. A clean heart is its own reward.
         4. When the heart is pure, God is real.
            1. And then we can have incredible fellowship with God.
         5. 1 John 1:3-7
            1. We have fullness of joy when we have fellowship with one another and with Jesus Christ.
         6. A clean and pure heart is the only kind of heart that can have fellowship with God.
            1. No pornography on Earth is worth forfeiting fellowship with God.
            2. If someone is into pornography, then his fellowship with God is broken.

He is in darkness and has no joy.

* + 1. The treasure of true love.
       1. These come in order.
          1. Only a clean heart can truly love.
       2. 1 John 2:15-16
          1. If someone has pornography in his life, then he will automatically lose the ability to love.
       3. When we have fellowship with God, by the very nature of that fellowship, we have the ability to love.
          1. There is nothing more debilitating and more harmful to the ability to love than pornography.

Pornography is not based on love.

Pornography destroys love.

Pornography is based on lust.

1 John 2:15-16

* + - 1. The highest good is to love.
      2. There is a generation today that talks about “making love.”
         1. They don’t know the difference between love and lust.

Lust wants to get.

Love wants to give.

* + - 1. Pornography looks at people as though they are objects to be used to gratify one’s selfishness.
      2. When a person feeds on pornography, he has no respect for himself.
         1. If a person has no respect for himself, then he can have no respect for other people.
      3. The Bible says that we are to love others as we love ourselves.
         1. Matthew 22:39
         2. It is not wrong to love yourself.

It is right and proper to love yourself.

* + - * 1. How can I love you, as I love me, unless I love me?

This means that you should have some self-respect.

You should have some love for yourself.

* + - * 1. When you have love for yourself, then you will have love for others.

You will want others to be treated as you would want yourself to be treated.

* + - 1. People who are into pornography look at other people as if they are objects for their own personal gratification.
         1. They have no absolute love for them.

They cannot have love for them because they don’t have fellowship with God.

How can they have fellowship with one another?

* + - 1. People who treat sex lightly, treat sex lightly because they treat other people lightly.
         1. They have no respect for other people.
         2. They have a disdainful, trivial, and selfish attitude toward others.
      2. Pornography is not a private act, victimless crime, or harmless entertainment.
         1. You lose your ability to love.
         2. You treat people as things.
         3. Pornography is the enemy of love.
    1. The treasure of a godly family.
       1. Fellowship with God gives us the ability to love.
          1. The ability to love enables us to have a family.
       2. God made the family before He made the government, education, or the church.
       3. The family is the only part of the Garden of Eden that we have left.
          1. That is the reason why the devil has leveled all of the artillery of Hell against the family.

Nothing is more devastating to the family than pornography.

* + - 1. A loving, physical bond between husband and wife is God’s great gift.
         1. God created sex.

It was His idea.

* + - * 1. Matthew 5:28
        2. 1 Corinthians 6:18
        3. Exodus 20:14
        4. God is not trying to keep us from sex.

He is keeping sex for us.

* + - * 1. Young people talk about going all the way.

That is one thing that they do not do.

You go all the way when you give yourself to someone else heart, body, and soul in a happy marriage.

* 1. Moses refused the pleasures of sin.
     1. Hebrews 11:26
  2. The value of a pure heart is to have fellowship with God.
     1. To be able to say that there is nothing between my soul and the Savior.

1. there must be a clear choice (hebrews 11:24-26)
   1. We must teach our children to choose.
   2. Hebrews 11:24-25
   3. Once the values are determined, then the choice becomes clear.
      1. One sees the difference between treasure and trash.
      2. This doesn’t mean that there will be no temptation.
         1. Moses was faced with position, possessions, and pleasures.
         2. Every sensual desire would have been satisfied if he had gone the devil’s way.
         3. Pornography has a tremendous pull.
      3. A person has to come to the place where he or she makes a clear decision.
   4. The Bible speaks of the pleasures of sin.
      1. Don’t tell young people that there is no pleasure in sin.
         1. This goes against the Bible.
         2. The devil is too smart to go fishing without any bait on his hook.
   5. There are pleasures and there are treasures, and we have to choose between the two.
      1. It was not easy for Moses.
      2. It will not be easy for our kids.
      3. It will not be easy for us.
         1. That is the reason we have to make a radical, dramatic, and clear choice.
            1. If you do not choose, then you are going down.
   6. Moses did some figuring.
      1. The Bible says that he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the pleasures of Egypt.
         1. Hebrews 11:26
      2. He thought about profit and loss.
      3. Hebrews 11:25-26
         1. He had a choice.
            1. In verse 26, the word “esteem” means “figured” or “judged.”
            2. There were the glories of the future; there were the pleasures of the present.
            3. There was the King of kings; there was the king of Egypt.
            4. There was a clean heart and fellowship with God; there was lust and sensual satisfaction.
   7. Moses had to make up his mind.
      1. The Bible says in Hebrews 11:26 that he had respect to the recompense of the reward.
      2. Moses could have satisfied his physical lust.
         1. But he saw the riches of Christ.
            1. He saw the glory of God.
            2. He saw satisfaction.
            3. He saw joy.
            4. He saw where it was going to end.
         2. He chose the way of Christ.
   8. Every person needs to make a clear-cut choice.
      1. No one is going to drift into purity.
      2. You are going to have to choose.
2. there must be a determined refusal (hebrews 11:24-25)
   1. Moses not only chose, but he also refused.
   2. Hebrews 11:24
      1. Moses knew that he couldn’t have both.
         1. We can have one, or we can have the other.
      2. Moses refused all the pleasures of Egypt.
   3. Notice the order:
      1. Moses refused in Hebrews 11:24 because he chose in Hebrews 11:25.
      2. He chose because he esteemed some things and made an evaluation.
         1. That is always the order.
      3. No one will refuse pornography until he first chooses righteousness.
      4. No one will choose righteousness until he makes a proper evaluation and sees what really counts.
         1. If we try to take a nasty bone away from a dog, then it is a good way to get bit.
         2. But if we put a steak down on the ground, then the dog will look at the steak and think about what he has in his mouth.
            1. He will go through a process:

He evaluates.

He chooses.

He refuses.

Parents will not lead their children until they take the same steps.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. Have you made a refusal?
      1. If so, then it must be dependent upon God.
   2. Satan wants to do the following:
      1. Destroy our families.
      2. Defile God.
      3. Defile the mind.
      4. Devalue our children.
   3. God is not a cosmic killjoy.
      1. God loves you.
      2. God is not trying to keep you from true pleasure.
         1. He wants you to have true pleasure.
   4. God is a good God.
      1. Psalm 37:4
      2. Psalm 87:11
      3. 1 Timothy 6:17
   5. The things God wants for you are treasures, not trash.
      1. A clean heart is its own reward.
      2. The ability to love is the greatest gift that God gives.
         1. Pornography kills this.
      3. The future hope of a wonderful home is God’s highest good apart from Heaven itself.
         1. The devil wars against this.
   6. It is the father’s responsibility to guard his family’s hearts and protect the home.
      1. Teach your children that there is a Word of God.
         1. They are not going to be able to choose unless they choose as Moses chose, which is by faith.
            1. Faith comes from the Word of God.
         2. There is a battle today against the truth.
            1. This is why you need to know the truth, believe the truth, teach the truth, live the truth, and love the truth.
      2. Children need to understand the value of a clean heart.
         1. Matthew 5:8
         2. They need to understand the difference between love and lust.
      3. They need to understand that the highest good and the sweetest thing on Earth is a godly family.
      4. Pornography wars against all of these.
   7. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   8. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16