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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Our children and grandchildren are under a greater assault and greater attack than any generation in history.
 - i) 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.
- b) The battle is critical because Satan wants to do the following:
 - i) Pollute a child's mind.
 - ii) Corrupt that child.
 - iii) Steal from that child the very best.
 - iv) Damage that child now.
 - v) Take away from that child the future and the future marital happiness that God wants for him or her.
- c) This message will help give a practical and biblical way to gain the victory.
 - i) And we can have victory.
- d) But there can be no victory until we first make a personal choice and teach our children to make a personal choice.
 - i) The answer is not in political action.
 - ii) The answer is not through electronic safeguards.
 - iii) Warnings are not enough.
 - (1) The pull, enticement, and curiosity of pornography are too strong.
 - iv) There must be a personal choice.
- e) In today's message, we will look at the choice that Moses made.
 - i) Hebrews 11:24-27
 - (1) This Scripture says very clearly and plainly that Moses chose.
 - ii) 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.
 - (a) Even not to choose is the choice not to choose.
 - (2) We are not free to choose the consequences of our choice.
 - (a) First of all, we choose, and then the choice chooses for us.
 - iii) Moses chose by faith.
 - (1) Hebrews 11:24-25
 - iv) 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.
 - (a) Romans 10:17
 - (2) Moses had heard from God.
 - (a) Once Moses heard from God, then Moses was able to make a choice.
- f) Satan's strategy is to keep children away from hearing from God.
 - i) 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.
- ii) 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.
- g) The devil has substituted all kinds of sources of authority:
 - i) Relativism
 - (1) Everything is relative.
 - (2) There is no fixed standard of right and wrong.
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) Rationalism
 - (1) Behavior is based on logic.
 - (2) “Thus saith the mind of man” rather than “Thus saith the Word of God.”
 - iv) Pragmatism
 - (1) People don’t ask, “Is it true?”
 - (a) They ask, “Does it work?”
 - v) Post-modernism
 - (1) This is the worst condition of all.
 - (2) This says that there is no fixed truth.
 - (a) There is no right.
 - (b) There is no wrong.
 - (3) This asks if there is any truth at all.
- h) Parents need to instill in their children’s hearts and minds a fixed standard of truth, and it is the Word of God.
 - i) 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.
 - ii) Parents need to say:
 - (1) It is wrong to steal because God said so.
 - (a) Exodus 20:15
 - (2) It is wrong to commit adultery because God said so.
 - (a) Exodus 20:14
 - iii) Parents are to put rock-ribbed convictions into the hearts of their children.
 - iv) The duty of fathers and grandfathers is found in 3 John 1:4.
- i) It is the truth that sets us free.
 - i) Jesus prayed for us in John 17:17.
 - (1) One translation of this verse says, “Make them holy by the truth.”

- (a) If you want holy children, then those children are going to have to have the truth.
 - j) 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)
- a) Hebrews 11:24
 - b) Romans 10:17
 - c) Hebrews 11:26
 - i) The word "esteeming" in this verse means "considering," "figuring," or "judging."
 - ii) Moses did some figuring and evaluating.
 - d) Satan does not want us or our children to make wise evaluations.
 - e) We are going to be faced, and kids today are going to be faced, with two things:
 - i) Pleasures
 - ii) Treasures
 - f) Hebrews 11:25-26
 - i) The choice here is between true pleasures and ungodly pleasures.
 - ii) Moses had a value system that worked for him.
 - g) Three treasures to write upon our children's hearts:
 - i) The treasure of a clean heart.
 - (1) Children need to understand how great it is to have a clean heart.
 - (2) Matthew 5:8
 - (a) Pornography will blur the vision of God.
 - (3) A clean heart is its own reward.
 - (4) When the heart is pure, God is real.
 - (a) And then we can have incredible fellowship with God.
 - (5) 1 John 1:3-7
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) No pornography on Earth is worth forfeiting fellowship with God.
 - (b) If someone is into pornography, then his fellowship with God is broken.
 - (i) He is in darkness and has no joy.
 - ii) The treasure of true love.
 - (1) These come in order.
 - (a) Only a clean heart can truly love.
 - (2) 1 John 2:15-16
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) There is nothing more debilitating and more harmful to the ability to love than pornography.
 - (i) Pornography is not based on love.
 - 1. Pornography destroys love.
 - (ii) Pornography is based on lust.
 - 1. 1 John 2:15-16
 - (4) The highest good is to love.
 - (5) There is a generation today that talks about “making love.”
 - (a) They don’t know the difference between love and lust.
 - (i) Lust wants to get.
 - (ii) Love wants to give.
 - (6) Pornography looks at people as though they are objects to be used to gratify one’s selfishness.
 - (7) When a person feeds on pornography, he has no respect for himself.
 - (a) If a person has no respect for himself, then he can have no respect for other people.
 - (8) The Bible says that we are to love others as we love ourselves.
 - (a) Matthew 22:39
 - (b) It is not wrong to love yourself.
 - (i) It is right and proper to love yourself.
 - (c) How can I love you, as I love me, unless I love me?
 - (i) This means that you should have some self-respect.
 - (ii) You should have some love for yourself.
 - (d) When you have love for yourself, then you will have love for others.
 - (i) You will want others to be treated as you would want yourself to be treated.
 - (9) People who are into pornography look at other people as if they are objects for their own personal gratification.
 - (a) They have no absolute love for them.
 - (i) They cannot have love for them because they don’t have fellowship with God.
 - 1. How can they have fellowship with one another?
 - (10) People who treat sex lightly, treat sex lightly because they treat other people lightly.
 - (a) They have no respect for other people.
 - (b) They have a disdainful, trivial, and selfish attitude toward others.
 - (11) Pornography is not a private act, victimless crime, or harmless entertainment.
 - (a) You lose your ability to love.
 - (b) You treat people as things.
 - (c) Pornography is the enemy of love.
- iii) The treasure of a godly family.

- (1) Fellowship with God gives us the ability to love.
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) That is the reason why the devil has leveled all of the artillery of Hell against the family.
 - (i) Nothing is more devastating to the family than pornography.
 - (4) A loving, physical bond between husband and wife is God's great gift.
 - (a) God created sex.
 - (i) It was His idea.
 - (b) Matthew 5:28
 - (c) 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - (d) Exodus 20:14
 - (e) God is not trying to keep us from sex.
 - (i) He is keeping sex for us.
 - (f) Young people talk about going all the way.
 - (i) That is one thing that they do not do.
 - (ii) You go all the way when you give yourself to someone else heart, body, and soul in a happy marriage.
 - h) Moses refused the pleasures of sin.
 - i) Hebrews 11:26
 - i) The value of a pure heart is to have fellowship with God.
 - i) To be able to say that there is nothing between my soul and the Savior.
- 3) THERE MUST BE A CLEAR CHOICE (HEBREWS 11:24-26)
- a) We must teach our children to choose.
 - b) Hebrews 11:24-25
 - c) Once the values are determined, then the choice becomes clear.
 - i) One sees the difference between treasure and trash.
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) A person has to come to the place where he or she makes a clear decision.
 - d) The Bible speaks of the pleasures of sin.
 - i) 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.
 - e) There are pleasures and there are treasures, and we have to choose between the two.
 - i) It was not easy for Moses.
 - ii) It will not be easy for our kids.

- iii) It will not be easy for us.
 - (1) That is the reason we have to make a radical, dramatic, and clear choice.
 - (a) If you do not choose, then you are going down.
 - f) Moses did some figuring.
 - i) The Bible says that he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the pleasures of Egypt.
 - (1) Hebrews 11:26
 - ii) He thought about profit and loss.
 - iii) Hebrews 11:25-26
 - (1) He had a choice.
 - (a) In verse 26, the word “esteem” means “figured” or “judged.”
 - (b) There were the glories of the future; there were the pleasures of the present.
 - (c) There was the King of kings; there was the king of Egypt.
 - (d) There was a clean heart and fellowship with God; there was lust and sensual satisfaction.
 - g) Moses had to make up his mind.
 - i) The Bible says in Hebrews 11:26 that he had respect to the recompense of the reward.
 - ii) Moses could have satisfied his physical lust.
 - (1) But he saw the riches of Christ.
 - (a) He saw the glory of God.
 - (b) He saw satisfaction.
 - (c) He saw joy.
 - (d) He saw where it was going to end.
 - (2) He chose the way of Christ.
 - h) Every person needs to make a clear-cut choice.
 - i) No one is going to drift into purity.
 - ii) You are going to have to choose.
- 4) THERE MUST BE A DETERMINED REFUSAL (HEBREWS 11:24-25)
- a) Moses not only chose, but he also refused.
 - b) Hebrews 11:24
 - i) Moses knew that he couldn’t have both.
 - (1) We can have one, or we can have the other.
 - ii) Moses refused all the pleasures of Egypt.
 - c) Notice the order:
 - i) Moses refused in Hebrews 11:24 because he chose in Hebrews 11:25.
 - ii) He chose because he esteemed some things and made an evaluation.
 - (1) That is always the order.
 - iii) No one will refuse pornography until he first chooses righteousness.
 - iv) 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.
 - (a) He will go through a process:
 - (i) He evaluates.
 - (ii) He chooses.
 - (iii) He refuses.
 1. Parents will not lead their children until they take the same steps.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Have you made a refusal?
 - i) If so, then it must be dependent upon God.
- b) Satan wants to do the following:
 - i) Destroy our families.
 - ii) Defile God.
 - iii) Defile the mind.
 - iv) Devalue our children.
- c) God is not a cosmic killjoy.
 - i) God loves you.
 - ii) God is not trying to keep you from true pleasure.
 - (1) He wants you to have true pleasure.
- d) God is a good God.
 - i) Psalm 37:4
 - ii) Psalm 87:11
 - iii) 1 Timothy 6:17
- e) The things God wants for you are treasures, not trash.
 - i) A clean heart is its own reward.
 - ii) The ability to love is the greatest gift that God gives.
 - (1) Pornography kills this.
 - iii) The future hope of a wonderful home is God's highest good apart from Heaven itself.
 - (1) The devil wars against this.
- f) It is the father's responsibility to guard his family's hearts and protect the home.
 - i) 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.
 - (a) Faith comes from the Word of God.
 - (2) There is a battle today against the truth.
 - (a) This is why you need to know the truth, believe the truth, teach the truth, live the truth, and love the truth.
 - ii) 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.
- iii) They need to understand that the highest good and the sweetest thing on Earth is a godly family.
- iv) Pornography wars against all of these.
- g) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- h) 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.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16