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## TILL PORN DO US PART

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In the year 2000 a masterful book was released, ingeniously entitled *Every Man's Battle*. Now if you're a male over the age of 13—or you know a male over the age of 13—this book's subject is obvious from the title. Every single man on this planet has had or will have "the battle" at some point in his life; the level of severity is the only variable. It's the conflict caused by sexual temptation, and it's instigated through lust, fantasy and erotic imagery.

For husbands, the pornography battle carries over into marriage, and puts an extreme burden on the relationship. According to divorcewizards.com, two-thirds of the 350 divorce lawyers surveyed said the Internet played a significant role in the divorces they handled in the past year, with excessive interest in online porn contributing to more than half such cases. In contrast, pornography had an almost non-existent role in divorce just seven or eight years ago.

But let's not leave this ball entirely in man's court. Studies have shown that women are increasing their pornography consumption as well. In fact, Oprah Winfrey recently aired a show that focused on a woman's desire for sexual stimulus. However, the women on the show didn't like to call the stimulus "porn"—they preferred the term "erotica" or "adult film." But according to the show, in the \$12 billion U.S. adult entertainment industry, \$1 out of every \$4 is spent by a woman.

And if you think the pornography epidemic has bypassed the church, you're wrong. According to a poll taken by XXXChurch.com and as reported by CNN, 70% of Christians admitted to struggling with porn in their daily lives. Rick Warren's Pastors.com website conducted a survey of 1351 pastors on porn use and found out that 54% of the pastors had viewed Internet pornography within the last year, and 30% of these had visited adult websites within the last 30 days.

### Want more startling pornography stats?

- 4.2 million pornographic web sites
- 372 million pornographic pages
- 68 million daily pornographic search engine requests
- 2.5 billion daily pornographic emails
- 8 years old—average age of first Internet exposure to pornography
- 12 - 17 yrs. old—largest consumer of Internet pornography
- 90% of 8 -16 year olds have viewed porn online (most while doing homework)
- 20% of men admit to accessing pornography at work
- 40 million U.S. adults regularly visit Internet pornography websites
- 47 % of Christians said pornography is a major problem in the home
- 70% of women keep their cyber activities secret
- Women favor chat rooms 2 times more than men
- 1 out of 3 visitors to all adult web sites are women
- 9.4 million women access adult web sites each month
- U.S. porn revenues exceed the combined revenues of ABC, CBS, and NBC (6.2 billion)
- Total size of the industry worldwide: 97 billion dollars

Statistical information provided by [www.archkck.org/myhouse/statistics.asp](http://www.archkck.org/myhouse/statistics.asp) and [XXXChurch.com](http://XXXChurch.com)



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## It's Time to Win the Battle

According to studies, 70% of people struggling with sexual addiction keep it a secret. Chances are, many people reading this article will fall into that category. So what's the answer? First, find a mature Christian friend you can trust, and form an accountability partnership. Get connected to a support group through your local church, if one is available. If not, consider starting your own. And don't be afraid to get counseling or professional help. Bringing the problem out in the open is one of the first steps to recovery.

Even if you're not currently struggling with sexual lust or addiction, you need to protect yourself from future temptation. Invest in online filters and/or accountability software. Here are some resources that can help you break free from the bondage of pornography and win the battle for good.

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Elucida Learning  
[www.elucidalearning.com](http://www.elucidalearning.com)

Pure Life Ministries  
[www.purelifeministries.org](http://www.purelifeministries.org)

Every Man Ministries  
[www.everymanministries.com](http://www.everymanministries.com)

Pure Online  
[www.pureonline.com](http://www.pureonline.com)

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