

SICK LIST:

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Ruby Harrison

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Dailey, Wilma Brown

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE PROBLEM OF PORNOGRAPHY"

PM - DERRICK PORTER

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO MARGARET BARTON DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER SISTER, MILDRED STEDMAN.

SERVICES WERE TUESDAY

WE REJOICE THAT BART WILLIAMS WAS BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST TUESDAY

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDER FORMS TO CHRIS OR SHANNA BY TONIGHT.

THIS MEAL WILL BE DEC 21 AFTER EVENING SERVICES AT THE BULLPEN IN OAKMAN

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec 4: Sandra Richardson and Tammy Whitfield

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827

Carlton Myers 221-0637

Neil Myers 924-9289

Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213

David Preston 300-1927

Kevin Richardson 295-8864

Chris Robbins 388-1354

Vince Roden 924-4062

MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

THE PROBLEM OF PORNOGRAPHY

(Psalm 101:3)

- I. **Pornography is _____.**
- A. There are _____ effects on the mind of one who views pornography.
1. It becomes an _____.

2. For young people, it distorts the proper _____ of sexual knowledge.
- B. There are _____ effects to pornography consumption.
1. There is no way in which pornography is _____ for your marriage.
 2. Instead, it _____ the viewer to his or her spouse.
 3. Studies have shown that those who view pornography and then their spouse, find their spouse _____ attractive.
 4. It hurts the _____ - _____ of the spouse.
- C. There are _____ effects when pornography is consumed.
1. Pornography is a \$13 _____ a year industry.
 2. _____ who ought to be supporting their families are part of the ones paying.
 3. _____ who access pornography are another part of that number.

II. Why pornography is _____.

- A. Pornography violates _____ (Ephesians 5:23; Matthew 5:28).
- B. It is a form of _____.
- C. Pornography corrupts the _____ (Matthew 12:35).
- D. Pornography puts up a _____ between us and God.
- E. The addictive nature of pornography causes people to _____ to obey the gospel or repent because they don't believe they can overcome the addiction.

III. Pornography can be _____.

- A. There must be a strong _____ to over come it.
- B. You have to have a strong _____.
- C. You have to be _____ in prayer and Bible study.
- D. You have to eliminate the _____.
- E. You need to change your _____.
- F. Get an _____ partner.
- G. As bad as technology can be, there is also _____ in technology.
 1. Covenanteyes.com has made accountability software and even internet filtering devices.
 2. Internetsafety.com has safeeyes filtering software for \$49.95 a year.
 3. K9 web protection is free and allows for filtering and parental control.
 4. Thetruthabout.net has videos on moral issues.

Forced To Quit The Race Brett Petrillo

Joe Rosa had already run 7 laps. He was on his way to breaking the New Jersey state record for the 3,200-meter run. Then, with one lap left to go, track meet officials came out and forced Joe off the track and out of the race. With storm clouds looming overhead and lightning striking around, the officials decided to make the safe, and ultimately right, decision to end the race. They brought the runners off the track and told the crowd to vacate the metal bleachers. Not only was Joe on his way to breaking the record, but his twin brother was in second place as well. As you might imagine, many were quite upset with the officials' decision. They didn't understand why the officials didn't just let one more lap go by.

Surely Joe wanted to finish this race quite badly. After all of the practice, all the training, and all of the conditioning, this was the moment he had been striving for. He was probably going to make state history. But in the end, the weather and the officials got in the way of Joe finishing the race.

Whether we realize it or not, we are all in the race to get to heaven. However, this is not a race where the first person who crosses the finish line wins. It is a race where anyone who crosses that line wins. But unlike Joe Rosa's race, this is a race that cannot be stopped by threatening weather. This isn't even a race that can be halted by officials. This race is one that continues until death. The problem is, even though the race goes on, many Christians have already stopped running. Some are even going the wrong direction.

There are many aspects of this life that try to "force us off the track" and make us quit. Riches, immorality, lies, blaming God, and the list goes on and on (Galatians 5:7). As we are running on the path to heaven, we will come across temptations. If we give in to these temptations we get off track. Sometimes these temptations even lead people to quit. Despite all of these temptations, there is not a single aspect on this earth that can "force" you to quit the race to heaven. Quitting the race to heaven is always a choice. Joe probably would have done anything to cross that finish line. Surely he would have braved the weather and the surrounding danger. He wanted the prize.

What are we willing to do to achieve that prize in heaven? When it comes to finishing the race or quitting, selfishness is our biggest obstacle. We have to get out of our own way. Are we willing to put ourselves aside and obey God (Luke 9:23)? As Paul said so powerfully, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:78). No matter what we deal with, let's make sure we finish the race!