

Shining Armor: Your Son's Battle for Purity

Introduction

VICTIMS OR WARRIORS?

There's a War Going On

- ▶ **By the time boys leave home at 18,**
 - **93% have seen Internet pornography**
 - **63% watched >30 minutes at a time**
 - **30% first saw it age 13 or younger****Source: University of New Hampshire**

- ▶ **By the age of 17,**
 - 47% of boys have had sexual encounter
 - **By the age of 19,**
 - 76% of boys have had a sexual encounter
 - 36% have had more than one partner**Source: Centers for Disease Control**

Biblical Foundations

- ▶ Genesis 1-2
 - Man and woman created as sexual beings (1:27)
 - Marriage instituted by God (2:22-25)
 - Enjoined to “be fruitful and multiply” (1:28)
 - “And it was very good.” Sin came later ...
- ▶ Historicity
 - Jesus quoted Genesis 1-2 as fact (Matthew 19)
 - Paul did too (Ephesians 5)

Satan Subverts Marriage

- ▶ Separating sex and love
 - Courtship? Whatever happened to *dating*?
- ▶ Separating sex and commitment
 - Increasing cohabitation
- ▶ Separating sex and childbearing
 - Childlessness a curse we pursue
- ▶ Separating sex and union

- Self gratification over all
- ▶ Separating sex from sex!
 - Confuse the very distinctions of gender

God's View

- ▶ Sexual sin is important
 - Many, many passages warn and admonish
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
 - Four of five examples are sexual misconduct
 - Different somehow
 - 1 Corinthians 6:18

Consider Who's Involved

- ▶ Boys experience temptation differently
 - Looked at pornography by age 18
 - Boys = 93%
 - Girls = 62% (2/3 said "never on purpose")
 - Because they found it exciting
 - Boys = 70%
 - Girls = 17%
 - Because they were curious
 - Boys = 53%
 - Girls = 26%

Building Defenses

- ▶ START EARLY
 - "Get there first, with the most"
 - Train them before they ask
- ▶ Don't freak out
- ▶ Answer their real questions
- ▶ Teach the entire context
 - Love, marriage, commitment
 - Childbearing and family life
 - Symbolism
 - Teach Safety

Fighting Temptations

- ▶ Your son is not your enemy
- ▶ Five point defense:
 - Leave (or change) the situation

- Pray
- Sing to God
- Read Scripture
- Go to your authority for help
- ▶ Train them to identify and fight this enemy
 - Don't pretend to be a victim
 - It's your responsibility to guard your eyes and heart

Avoid Ambushes

- ▶ Secrecy is the enemy of your son's soul
 - Encouraging everyone to be in the open
 - Internet promises privacy, that's the danger
- ▶ Control the Internet threat
 - Cancel it completely
 - Control access
 - Filters, blocks
 - Hardware control
 - Remove the privacy
 - Vigilance!
 - Accountability software
 - Shared passwords

Lead by Example

- ▶ Fathers – Show Them How to Fight
 - Establish your own accountability
 - Transparency with your wife
 - Self-control
 - Don't give yourself permission to browse
 - Look away
- ▶ Mothers
 - Honor True Masculinity
 - Be realistic about their sexuality
 - Don't make manhood a joke
 - Give them a vision – they are warriors in a battle

Other Lines of Attack

- ▶ Modesty in the home
- ▶ Babysitting and child care
- ▶ Oversexed youth marketing
- ▶ Parents of girls

- ▶ Temptations from friends
- ▶ Social networking
 - Sidebars and avatars
- ▶ Advertisements

Arrows in Your Quiver

- ▶ COMMUNICATE
 - Frequently and frankly
- ▶ CONTEXT
 - Discuss courtship, dating, marriage, childbearing
- ▶ CAR
 - Not for dating, but for counseling
- ▶ COURTSHIP
 - Focus on building a marriage, not finding a date

Rising from Defeat

- ▶ Remember
 - God already knows
 - We are ALL sinners
- ▶ The Good News is the Good News
 - Christ's blood covers this, too.
 - This is why our Savior died
- ▶ "And such were some of you, BUT"
- ▶ Confront the Sin in Love
 - Expect lies
 - Expect deception
 - Do not accept these!
- ▶ Explain the Consequences
 - Legal Dangers
 - Lust is never satisfied – Snowballs into Perversion
 - Job Loss
 - Hurts your future wife
 - May make it hard or impossible to win that wife!
 - This is fornication and adultery, make no mistake!
- ▶ Intervene!
 - Immediately put internet accountability everywhere
 - Take away internet access, including smart phones
 - Keep them with you – intense discipleship!
 - Daily accountability – How's your thought life?
 - Ongoing accountability – EVERYONE needs it!
- ▶ Get them back in the battle!

- Repentance, restoration, fight temptation
- Resources
- Forgotten Factors by Roy Hession/Fidelity by Doug Wilson/Sexual Detox by Tim Challies/Covenant Eyes

The Real Prize

- ▶ Delayed Marriage a Challenge
- ▶ The Biblical Perspective
- ▶ Aiming for the Real Prize Here
- ▶ Shining Armor