

## The Spiritual Battles And Struggles Of Young Christians The Fruit Of The Big Lie-Part 2

### I. The Explosion Of Sexual Immorality In Our Culture

**Romans 1:24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

**Romans 1:26-27** For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

**Psalm 38:5-7** My wounds stink [and] are corrupt because of my foolishness. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are filled with a loathsome [disease]; and [there is] no soundness in my flesh.

**STDs on the rise: CDC says gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia hit record levels in U.S.**

**The United States is experiencing a "steep and sustained" spike in sexually transmitted diseases, a new government analysis shows.**

**(CBSNews.com)**

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**More than one million people are living with HIV in the United States of America (USA); one in seven are unaware of their status.**

**The HIV epidemic is driven by sexual contact and is heavily concentrated among certain key populations, in particular gay men and other men who have sex with men. African Americans are worse affected across all key population groups.**

**(Avert.org, *HIV And AIDS In The United States Of America*)**

**Romans 1:28-30** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

**Romans 1:32 who knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.**

**Psalms 101:3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the works of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me;**

- **50% of religious men and 20% of religious women stated that they were addicted to pornography**

- **54% of men polled that they visited porn websites at least frequently**

**Eight in ten (79%) men between the ages of 18 and 30 view pornography monthly**

**Two-thirds (67%) of men between the ages of 31 and 49 view pornography monthly**

**One-half (49%) of men between the ages of 50 and 68 view pornography monthly**

**(huffingtonpost.com, Pornography Addiction Among Men Is On The Rise)**

**“We are at a place in our culture in which sexual morality has been reduced to consent. Our society has embraced total sexual license. If anyone suggests any other moral norm beyond consent, they are dismissed as a puritanical, repressive throwback.”**

**“The sexual revolution promised us more sex and more pleasure,” he wrote. “It has actually delivered to us a generation of men who think of women as objects to be used and abused for their sexual pleasure. It has not given us men who know what virtue and honor are. It doesn’t teach men to pursue their joy in self-sacrificially loving and being sexually faithful to one woman for life. It teaches young men to use women for sex and then to discard them when they become unwilling or uninteresting.”**

**(theatlantic.com, Is The Porn Culture To Be Feared?)**

## II. The Explosion Of Drugs In Our Culture

**Galatians 5:19-21** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**SORCERY** 1.*pharmakia* primarily signified "the use of medicine, drugs, spells"; then, "poisoning"; then, "sorcery," Gal 5:20, RV, "sorcery" (KJV, "witchcraft"), mentioned as one of "the works of the flesh." In "sorcery," the use of drugs, whether simple or potent, was generally accompanied by incantations and appeals to occult powers, with the provision of various charms, amulets, etc (*Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*, Copyright (c)1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

**Habakkuk 2:15** "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, Pressing him to your bottle, Even to make him drunk, That you may look on his nakedness

The frontal lobe of the cerebrum is affected by 0.005%-0.1% causing: removal of inhibitions, loss of self-control, weakening of will power, impaired judgment, and dulling of attention

**Proverbs 23:35** "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"

**1 Peter 4:3** For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles— when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

**Proverbs 23:29-30** Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine.

**Komos**-a revel, carousal...used generally of feasts and drinking-parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry; (*Thayer's Greek Lexicon*, p.367)

