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“Becoming Men of Truth and Integrity in God’s Divine Intent for Sexuality”

Handouts for Truth Tracks, 1-4, Identify, Immerse, Share, Endure

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Becoming Men of Truth & Integrity in God's Divine Intent for Sexuality Truth Tracks for Men's Rewired 2016 – by Stephen Black



TRACK 1

IDENTIFY

TRACK ONE IS TO IDENTIFY! What are we here to IDENTIFY? The problem that stops men from becoming men of truth and integrity in God's Divine Intent for Sexuality

AND to IDENTIFY the paths of TRUTH in IMMERSING OURSELVES IN TRUTH, SHARING TRUTH, and ENDURING.

Knowing the amazing plan and gift of God in 'Imago Dei' (the image of God in male and female) and His Divine Intent for Human Sexuality. The goal of God is for men to be conquerors in the divine romance.

Gen. 1:26a, 1:27a

Key Verse: God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..., So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (Imago Dei). Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it..."

To become Men of Truth and Integrity in God's Divine Intent for our sexuality as His sons there is a need for to start at the BEGINNINGS GENESIS and end with ENDURE – having Endurance with the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

IMAGO DEI is the Latin for the Image of God

KNOWING YOU ARE MADE IN THE VERY IMAGE OF GOD as your identity.

BEGINNINGS Genesis 3

READ Genesis 3:1-5

Questioning GOD, the GOODNESS OF GOD

The Temptation and the Sowing of Doubt

Question God's goodness, His character.

The essence of evil is to question the knowledge and the character of God as good, as love as holy, ultimate love!

GO BACK INTO THE GARDEN

READ Gen. 3:6-13 – Revealing God’s Heart.

What happen to Adam and Eve? – SHAME / IDENTITY DISTORTION

IDENTIFYING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS TODAY

To be Men of TRUTH we must Identify TRUTH

- What is truth?
- Where Does TRUTH come from?
- IF a GOD, if a CREATOR – TRUTH COMES FROM HIM.
- Deception and Lying has become acceptable form of behavior – just look at the leaders of our nation. Many even justify lying and communicate they are “kidding.”

- **Identify the PROBLEM in the Church**
- Porn stats
- Serial Adultery – Divorce
- Fornication has been normalized – people live together.
- Promotion of infidelity.

INTEGRITY

“Blessed are the PURE of Heart for they shall see God.” Matt 5:8.

Integrity IS:

- moral soundness, wholeness and completeness in the inner world (the secret world).
- the same quality of character that is demonstrated with others when you are alone.
- adherence to moral and ethical principles
- being honest and reliable.
- trustworthiness -
 - The virtue of earned trust by consistently reporting the facts accurately.
 - In the midst of difficulty demonstrating loyalty, reliability and honesty.

1 Thess. 4:1-8

Pornography Facts

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A Generation Raised with Pornography

- "A warm and communicative parent-child relationship is the most important factor (in reducing porn use among children).²
- 71% of teens have done something to hide what they do online from their parents.²
- Nearly 9 out of 10 (87%) of young men (age 18-26) reported using pornography.¹
- Nearly 1/3 (31%) of young women (age 18-26) reported using pornography.¹
- Roughly 2/3 (67%) of young men and 1/2 (49%) of young women (age 18-26) agree that pornography use is an acceptable expression of sexuality.¹
- Pornography acceptance and use among young adults (age 18-26) is scientifically linked with risky sexual attitudes and behaviors, as well as substance abuse.¹

Current Trends in Internet and Smartphones

- There are billions of web searches for pornography each year.²
- 1 in 5 mobile searches are for pornography.²
- 24% of smartphone owners admit to having pornographic material on their handset.²
- By 2017, a quarter of a billion people are expected to be accessing mobile adult content from their phones or tablets, an increase of more than 30% from 2013.²

Pastors and Pornography

- 37% of pastors said viewing pornography was "a current struggle".²
- 75% of pastors said they do not make themselves accountable to anyone for their internet use.²

Marriages and Pornography

- 55% of married men say they watch porn at least once a month, compared to 70% of not married men.²
- 25% of married women say they watch porn at least once a month, compared to 16% of not married women.²
- Those who are happily married are 61% less likely to look at porn.²
- 56% of divorces involve one party having "an obsessive interest in pornographic websites"²

Christians and Pornography

- 64% of self-identified Christian men and 15% of self-identified Christian women view pornography at least once a month (compared to 65% of non-Christian men and 30% of non-Christian women).²
- Regular church attenders are 26% less likely to look at porn than non-attenders, but those self-identified as "fundamentalists" are 91% more likely to look at porn.²

- 28% of Christian men and 11% of Christian women say they were first exposed to porn before the age of 12.²
- 50% of Christian men are addicted to pornography³
- 47% of Christians said that pornography is a major problem in their home.³
- 70% of Christians admitted to struggling with porn in their daily lives (non-scientific poll taken by XXX Church)⁴

Porn and the Performer

- Actresses in the industry have high rates of substance abuse, typically alcohol and cocaine, depression, borderline personality disorder. . . The experience I find most common among the performers is that they have to be drunk, high or dissociated in order to go to work. —Dr. MaryAnne Layden.²
- Tanya Burleson, formerly known as Jersey Jaxin, said, "Guys are punching you in the face. You get ripped. Your insides can come out of you. It's never ending. You're viewed as an object — not as a human with a spirit. People do drugs because they can't deal with the way they're being treated."²

Help is Available

- **Covenant Eyes** provides filtering and internet accountability services for a low monthly cost. (firststone.org/covenant-eyes)
- **First Stone Ministries** provides one-on-one discipleship and support group ministries for those struggling with pornography to find accountability, healing, and freedom through relationship with Jesus Christ. Freedom is not a method, but a person: Jesus Christ. He has been rescuing sexual addicts for thousands of years (1 Corinthians 6:9- 11).

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"Let him who is without sin cast the First Stone." John 8:7



TRACK 2

IMMERSE

TRACK TWO IS TO IMMERSE OURSELVES IN TRUTH

Exploring the Biblical Truths to impart the power (grace) of God in a world that has made sexual sin normal.

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Dedication of our Bodies to God – Destroy the Work of Shame

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.*

Romans 12:1-2

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 6:12-14

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

1 Thess. 4:1-8

Who thought up sexual desire? Did God created us as sexual beings? Is it reasonable that God would want us to have fellowship with HIM in the difficult area of sexual desires and temptation?

This is the WILL of God for you – holiness in your sexuality. That TRUE holiness is paralleled in the Scripture with knowing how to keep your sexual desires in check and we are not to defraud one another.

DRAW NEAR TO GOD, RESIST THE DEVIL

You can overcome temptation

- James 4:6-10
- 1 Cor. 10:13
- James 1:2-8, and James 1:12-18
- Live in the light of being authentic Eph. 5:5-10

HOW DID JESUS RESIST & OVERCOME?

- Matthew 4:1-11 – Jesus' uses the Word of God in dealing with Temptation
- Weapons of Warfare need to be discovered.

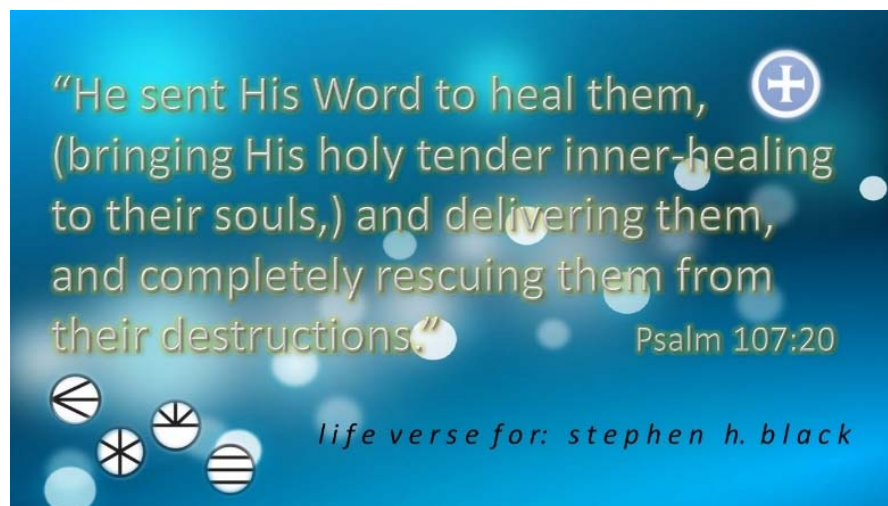
WE MUST BE MEN OF INTEGRITY – IMMERSE OURSELVES IN INTEGRITY

What is integrity? "Blessed are the PURE of Heart for they shall see God." Matt 5:8. Not PERFECT of Heart, but PURE of HEART = consistent of heart, diligent of heart, a desire to obey in humble dependence on God! A new life of the practice of accountability and taking responsibility for one's self.

USING THE INTEGRITY STAR – by Sy Rogers

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4) R _____ 5) D _____ 6) O _____

IMMERSE OURSELVES in the WORD OF GOD to become MEN of Truth and Integrity in God's Divine Intent for Sexuality



Knowing the amazing plan and gift of God in 'Imago Dei' (the image of God in male and female) and His Divine Intent for Human Sexuality. The goal of God is for men to be conquerors in the divine romance.

What is love? 1 Cor. 13 – Do you have 1 Cor. 13 memorized?

What is truth? Define what TRUTH IS: the quality or state of being true – never in deception, never lying, LIGHT



TRACK 3

SHARE

SHARE TO BECOME MEN OF INTEGRITY - AUTHENTICITY

Embracing wholeness as a new normal in community and in confession – cultivating hearts of integrity – to become of integrity is to be men of AUTHENTICITY

TO BE MEN OF AUTHENTICITY – we need God’s power! Where does God’s power come from?

Who does God give HIS Grace?

What is a key component and a prerequisite for receiving grace?

H _____

James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5-10

The Power Of God to live a Godly Life - Titus 2:11-14

What does Humility look like?

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To be low, to abase ones self, meek, submissive, opposed to proud things, to crush, to break down, to subdue. To bring the mind into humbleness, to reduce self-dependence, see your neediness.

“Without humble imitation of the divine Author of our Blessed Religion, ‘Christianity’ we can never hope to be a (truly) happy nation.” Washington.

Eph. 4:29-Eph. 5:11

Humility is having a low opinion of one's self, and a deep sense of an unworthiness in the sight of God, and yet maturity in Christ brings the revelation that HE sees the WORTH of our life, that the GRACE of GOD HIS POWER IN US WILL BRING FORTH POSITIONAL TRUTHS.

Humility is a correct assessment of one’s self.

Positional truths that are not just chanted, or quoted, but by faith actually become a reality in our lives. SAINT, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, BLESSED, HOLY, BELOVED, DIVINE NATURE, & HOLY SPIRIT FILLED.

Humbling ourselves is one of the prerequisites to salvation - to be delivered.

WE MUST HUMBLE OURSELVES, it really is NOT an option to **KNOW HIM**.

EXAMPLES of HUMILITY: Confession of our sins, live an authentic life of transparency and accountability.

PSALM 19:7-11

The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;
⁸The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;
⁹The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired *are they* than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them *there is* great reward.

The power of testimony: Joseph Thiessen, First Stone Ministries'
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The power of a shared life in our world of chaos gives hope.

IT TAKES COURAGE!

A.B.S.

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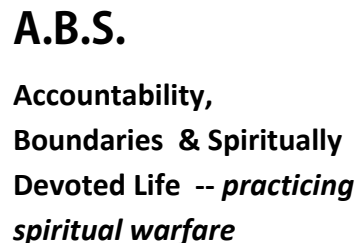
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Overcoming Sexual Addiction (The Cycle and Intervention).

Tired, Rejection, Insecurity, (fear) Angry, Loneliness, Stress





TRACK 4

ENDURE

Becoming men of consistent accountability and integrity who celebrate being God's sexual beings created in His image as givers of life.

ENDURING TO THE END TO BE PURE IN HEART WELL PLEASING TO GOD & TO SEE GOD

HOW TO ENDURE TO THE END!?

Know Our Weaknesses and to be KNOWN. 2 Cor. 12:1-11

Revisit Overcoming Sexual Addiction (The Cycle and Intervention) – practical whys to endure.

Know your triggers: T.R.I.A.L.S

Tired, Rejected, Insecure,(fear) Angry, Loneliness, Stressed

What are your particular "triggers"? Do your accountability partners know? Does your wife know?

What are A.B.S. for you in your life?

Accountability is not merely confession session, but living life in community. What does that practically look like for you?

Boundaries – not merely restrictions, it must be viewed as safety or you are already failing.

How do you view boundaries in your life? Do you have boundaries in ALL the places you need them to be a man of integrity and truth concerning your sexual desires?

Spiritually Devoted Life – Do you practice Spiritual Warfare? Do you have the fundamental tenants of a disciple of Jesus Christ in support of a devoted life? Daily Bible Reading? Daily Prayer? Have you been Baptized? Do you consistently participate in communion? Prayer & Fasting? Scripture Memorization? Confession of Sin? Witnessing to Others – Proclaiming the Gospel – Good News? Living in Community with other believers? Truly practicing spiritual warfare taking every thought captive to Jesus Christ as Lord? A Life of FORGIVENESS!

Weapons of Warfare MUST be put into use. What are your weapons? What arsenal do you have? FORGIVENESS

Living in the Light – what does it look like? Eph. 5:5-10.

EMBRACE THE paradigm shift and VISION OF BEING A LOVER – A LIFE GIVER – A GOOD GIFT.

EMBRACE THE VISION OF THE SENSE OF TRUTH, EMBRACE YOUR VALUE AND WORTH IN BEING A GOOD GIFT TO A WIFE or TO WOMEN / SISTERS etc.

What does it mean to love a wife / or a sister in Christ like Christ loves His Church?

Eph. 5:21-33.

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