

SOFT PORN AND CHRISTIANS

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A dad walks his son down to a particular part of town so that his son's can see, first-hand, some "ladies of the night." They are easily spotted-- unmistakable in their revealing outfits. As the light hits their bodies, the boys realize that these ladies have very little on. The dad is rather proud of this moment, and he smiles as his boys take in the view.

The three guys stand and gawk, taking in every sensual curve.

Not exactly something a Christian father should do, right? And yet, go back and reread that paragraph and replace the phrase "ladies of the night" with "beach volleyball players." Ironically, the beach volleyball players would be even less scantily clad than street walkers. And yet, Christians men will be glued in, justifying that they are only interested in "the sport." Men who would never consider gawking at prostitutes have no trouble staring endlessly at the back-sides of beach volleyball ladies.

Friends, this is nothing more than soft porn. Guys all across the globe are watching events like these as their brain snaps mental images, all the while releasing hormones into their blood stream. Many of the outfits of the Olympic games (and sports in general) are beyond immodest. They are indecent and leave little to the imagination. And instead of turning off the rubbish, we invite friends over and have parties while our children sit around and assume this is all acceptable for Christians.

Well, it is not. This may not be a popular note, but Christians have no business watching such soft-porn. We are supposed to be a light to the world, and influence the lost for good, rather than having the world influence us for bad. It was because of this fixation on the human body that the first Olympics were performed in the nude. Fast forward to 2012 as uniforms push the envelope in that very direction.

Christians need to learn to discipline themselves and avoid such fleshly desires. We need to set godly examples to our children and those around us. We need to understand that just because the person is wearing a Nike swoosh somewhere on their uniform does not justify such horrible immodesty. We need to lead our children by example, and turn off the rubbish.

Men, here's your challenge: Instead of tuning into beach volleyball (or some similar immodest sport), tune into your wife. Give her the undivided attention you would have given the television. Savor the curves (and inner beauty) of your wife. You may miss a medal ceremony or some girls colliding in the sand, but you will win gold where it really matters.

EDITORS NOTE

BY PHILLIP PATTON

I am thankful to Brad Harrub for penning this short but powerful piece. It was baffling a few days ago, when opening a popular website to check news highlights, only to see on the top of the page a title

similar to "The 50 Sexiest Olympic Bodies." This event has gone from a competition in athletics to a competition to see who can bare the most skin. With the history of the Olympic competitions as brother Harrub pointed out it seems we are quickly trying to return there again. The worlds fascination seems to be centered on the best looking body that the eye can behold.

The apostle Paul knew exactly what he was talking about in relaying public sporting events. He described the athletes as temperate in all matters (1Corinthians 9:25-27) preparing themselves for the competition. Temperance is self control in all matter, especially that of the sensual. Temperance is the virtue of one who controls his desires and sensual appetites. Yet, in the public arena the sensual appetite is being fed. This is a weight, one that will slow us down and not allow us to continue in this Christian race. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Continuing in that passage of 1Corinthians 9 Paul exclaimed, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor 9:27 KJV). After discussing the need of temperance

in all areas of life Paul gave us a small glimpse into his humanity. He could be tempted the same as any man. If he were to give into his temptations he could himself be a castaway. If the apostle Paul had the potential of being castaway, lost (fallen), what would make any man think that he could not fall from grace. Temperance begins in the mind the same as every decision in our lives. Every act in which we participate begins with the conscious decision to be a part of that event.

The question is, do you WANT to be temperate or not? “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

What Will Your Choice Be

