

Leader / Minister / Power / Martyr / Witness



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1 Peter 5:8-10 (AMP)

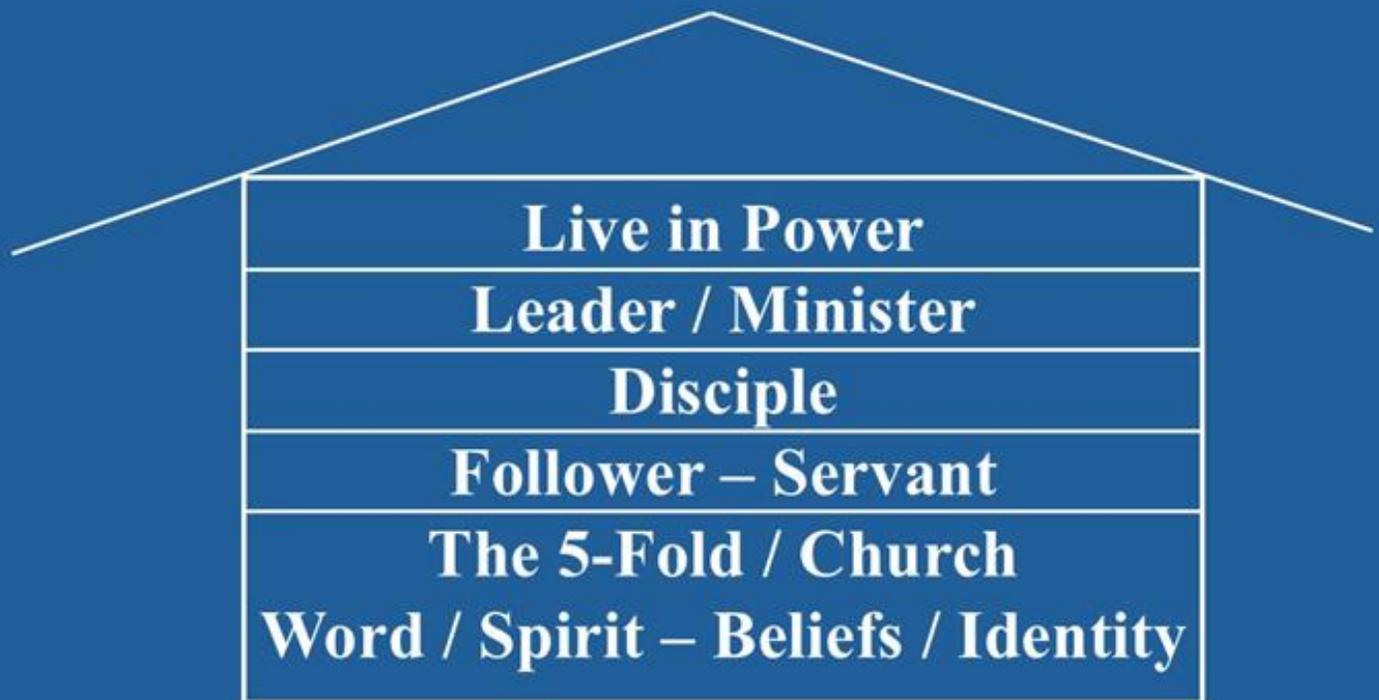
8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.
9 Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world.

10 And after you have suffered a little while , the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you.

We are like Buildings

- Luke 6:46-49**
- 1 Corinthians 3:9-17**
- Ephesians 2:19-22**

SUPER NATURAL



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Minister in Power
Leader—Minister
Disciple
Servant
The 5-Fold
The Word & The Spirit

2nd Commandant
“Love your neighbor as yourself”

Live in Power
Leader / Minister
Disciple (Death to Self, Character, Freedom)
Follower – Servant (Jesus is LORD – Submission / Surrender)
The 5-Fold / Church (To Mature, Equip, Unify, Edify – Via speaking Truth in Love)
Word / Spirit – Beliefs / Identity



Definitions of “Minister”:

G1247 - Minister

from 1249; to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon (menially or as a host, friend, or (figuratively) teacher); technically, to act as a Christian deacon:--(ad-)minister (unto), serve, use the office of a deacon.

Matt. 4:11, 20:28, 28



G5257 - Minister

from 5259 and a derivative of eresso (to row); an under-oarsman, i.e. (generally) subordinate (assistant, sexton, constable):--minister, officer, servant.

Luke 1:2; Acts 26:16; 1 Cor. 4:1

G3011 - Minister

from a derivative of 2992 and 2041; a public servant, i.e. a functionary in the Temple or Gospel, or (genitive case) a worshipper (of God) or benefactor (of man):--minister(-ed).

Romans 13:6; Phil. 2:25; Hebrews 8:2

1. When we Learn to make Jesus 'Lord' and we - follow.
 - serve.
 - a. This is fulfilling the 1st Commandment.

2. When we begin to 'Minister' - we're again serving.
 - b. This fulfills the 2nd Commandment.

Matthew 6:13 (NKJV)

13 And do not lead us into temptation But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

(G1411) - Dunamis

“from 1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):--ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.”

Matthew 9:6 (NKJV)

6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins then He said to the paralytic, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.

John 10:18 (NKJV)

18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.

(G1849) - Exousia

“from 1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:--authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.”

Disciples are to live in Continual Power (Authority / Ability)

1. Jesus said:

“I Give You Authority”

“Freely You Have Received, Freely Give”

“Greater Works Than These He Will Do”

**“Have Faith and Nothing will be
Impossible”**

“As the Father has sent me, I also send You.....Receive the Holy Spirit”

“These Signs Will Follow Those Who Believe”

“Cast Out Demons, Speak with New Tongues, Lay Hands on the Sick and They Will Recover, Raise”

2. “God Always Leads us in Triumph in Christ”

“But to Each One of Us Grace Was Given”

“And God has Appointed These in the Church”

**“Be Strong in the Lord and in the Power
of His Might”**

**“Guard What has been Committed to
Your Trust”**

“Having Done All to Stand, Stand”

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

**9 That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus
is Lord and believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

We receive salvation by Faith / Believing. It is a Gift of God

(Eph. 2:8-9)

That's a difference between the Old and New Testaments.

- In the Old Testament:

We are commanded to obey the Laws.

- In the New Testament:

We are commanded to Love with All & Follow/Serve.

We don't earn our salvation by doing good things so we're good enough. Our salvation is given to us as a gift, and we retain it by submitting, surrendering, and obeying. (Lordship)

But aren't we saved by Grace? (Isn't Grace sufficient....)

- Yes, and Yes as long as we live in the Grace being offered.**

James 4:4-6 (NKJV)

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously? 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.

Hebrews 10:26-31 (NIV)

26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, It is mine to avenge; I will repay, and again, The Lord will judge his people. 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 12:14-17 (NKJV)

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

Hebrews 12:25 (NKJV)

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

Hebrews 12:28-29 (AMP)

28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe; 29 For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire. [Dt 4:24.]

1 John 2:3-6 (NIV)

3 We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. 4 The man who says, I know him, but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

1 John 3:6-10 (NIV)

6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

> This is John..... John 3:16

7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

1 John 5:2-5 (NKJV)

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

****** This is the Balanced Gospel.**

- 1) We are saved by Grace and are now a Believer.**
- 2) Jesus will ask us to follow him and make him Lord.**
- 3) When we consistently refuse (Explain), the scripture clearly says we are no longer saved.**

4) If we Submit / Surrender to him, we remain saved, no one can snatch us out of his hand, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance.

5) We need to consider the WHOLE counsel of God and his Word, not emphasizing only a certain aspect and being out of balance. (Acts 20:27)

To emphasize only Believing to get to heaven / remain saved for a person who has lived for God for a length of time is Out of Balance according to the whole N.T.

(A few scriptures we just read that say this.)

The difference between belief and following has been around for a long time.

Lucifer believed in God, but he chose not to follow him.

1/3 of the angels believed, and still do believe in God, but they chose not to follow him.

Adam and Eve believed in God, but they chose not to follow what he said.

How Many People Actually Watch Porn?

Viewers are primarily male, but female visitors are rising.

Posted September 25, 2023 | Reviewed by Devon Frye

KEY POINTS

- More people visit porn sites each month than TikTok, OpenAI, Zoom, Netflix or Amazon.
- Men watch more than women, though a significant number of women report visiting sites.

In 2013, a highly provocative article in the Huffington Post titled “Porn sites get more visitors each month than Netflix, Amazon and Twitter combined” shocked the world. Everyone wondered: With the explosion of online digital platforms, do online porn sites really receive that much more traffic?

A decade later.....Where does pornography fit in the digital media landscape today?

By comparing the amount of traffic to the three highest globally ranked pornography sites (Xvideos, Pornhub, and XNXX) with several prominent digital media properties, it remains true that Americans visit porn sites at astronomical rates.

Exactly how great is this disparity? In a word, huge. Xvideos, the top-ranked pornography site, had 700,000,000 more total visits than Amazon and 900,000,000, 1,100,000,000, 1,300,000,000, 1,500,000,000, and 1,800,000,000 more total visits than TikTok, OpenAI, LinkedIn, Netflix, and The Weather Channel, respectively.

psychologytoday.com

75% vs. 99%: Porn Consumption Rates Among Young Adults are Underreported

Porn consumption rates among young adults have often been reported at around 75% for men and 30% for women—but that's not even close to what this study found.

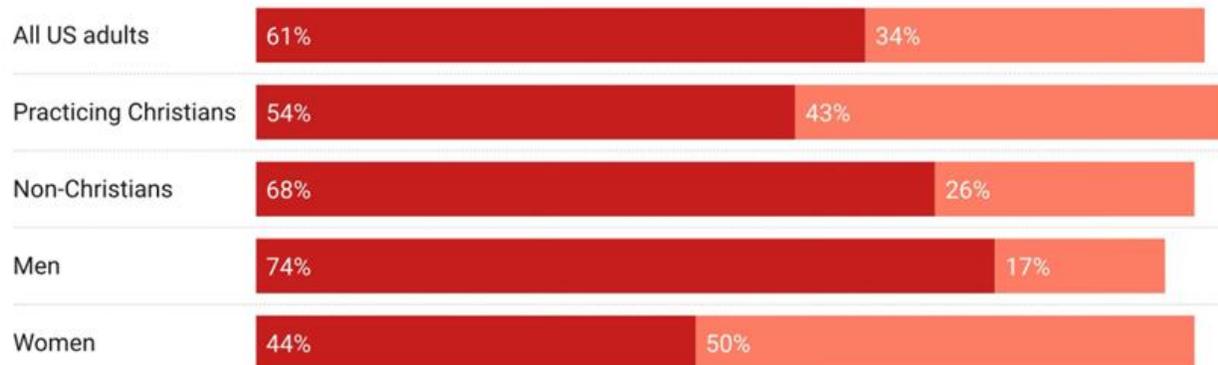
Results—a lot more people watch porn than often reported

While pornography consumption for young adults has been repeatedly reported to be approximately 75% for men and 30% for women, these rates are considerably lower than those found in this study. In this study, consumption rates of men were generally consistent (91–99%) across time frames, though women's consumption varied more widely (60–92%).

FIGHT THE NEW DRUG—fightthenewdrug.org

How Often Americans Watch Pornography

■ Sometimes ■ Never



Practicing Christians are those who say faith is important to them and have attended church in the last month.

Chart: Christianity Today • Source: [Barna and Pure Desire Ministries](#) • Created with [Datawrapper](#)

The new data aligns with other research showing dramatic increases in the amount of online porn created and consumed over the last several years.

The ongoing epidemic of pornography in the church

MICHAEL CHANCELLOR | JANUARY 27, 2021

More than 40 million Americans are regular visitors to porn sites. The average visit lasts 6 minutes and 29 seconds.

There are around 42 million porn websites, which totals around 370 million pages of porn.

The porn industry's annual revenue is more than the NFL, NBA and MLB combined. It is also more than the combined revenues of ABC, CBS and NBC.

47% of families in the United States reported that pornography is a problem in their home.

Pornography use increases the marital infidelity rate by more than 300%.

Eleven is the average age that a child is first exposed to porn, and 94% of children will see porn by the age of 14.

56% of American divorces involve one party having an "obsessive interest" in pornographic websites.

70% of Christian youth pastors report that they have had at least one teen come to them for help in dealing with pornography in the past 12 months.

68% of churchgoing men and more than 50% of pastors view porn on a regular basis. Of young Christian adults 18-24 years old, 76% actively search for porn.

59% of pastors said married men seek their help for porn use.

33% of women ages 25 and under search for porn at least once per month.

Only 13% of self-identified Christian women say they never watch porn — 87% of Christian women have watched porn.

55% of married men and 25% of married women say they watch porn at least once a month.

57% of pastors say porn addiction is the most damaging issue in their congregation. And 69% say porn has adversely impacted the church.

Let's go back to Jesus being 'Lord' and our Salvation.

- Will watching porn take you to hell?**
- Will lying, stealing, gossip, hate, bitterness, unforgiveness, lust, breaking the law, etc.....**

- Is Jesus in Favor of these type of things according to his Word?**
- So, by his Spirit he will try to lead us out of them.**

He may even Command us to Follow & stop...

As he does this, we must learn how to Follow.

- Once the Holy Spirit corrects / convicts us.
- If We Choose Not to Follow:
 - > It's no longer about the thing / the sin.
 - > It's about whether we're going to obey.

We are living in the Last Days. We must remember the spiritual atmosphere we are immersed in.

#1 - Deception - Matthew 24:4.

#2 - Lawlessness - 2 Thessalonians 2.

#3 - Selfishness & Unimaginable Evil - 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

#4 - Laodicean church culture - Revelation 3:15-17.

('I'm good enough the way I am' > Lukewarm)

Assurance of Salvation / How can I have Hope?

(How can we know we're saved....)

Romans 8:16 (NKJV)

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 8:16 (AMP)

16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.

1 John 4:13 (NIV)

13 We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NKJV)

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.