

“You only get answers to
questions you ask.”

—John Maxwell

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“The ability to ask the right
question is more than half the
battle of finding the answer.”

Thomas Watson, IBM

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Questions

- ... unlock and open doors that otherwise remain closed.
- ... are our most effective means of connecting with people.
- ... cultivate and communicate humility.
- ... allow us to build better ideas.
- ... give us a different perspective.
- ... get us out of ruts.

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Location
Conversation
Expectation

Go there. 

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“Can a man take fire into his
chest and not be burned?”

—Proverbs 6:27

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“Sow a thought, reap a deed;
sow a deed, reap a habit;
sow a habit, reap a character;
sow a character, reach a destiny.”

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- ... *beauty* is how we justify the indulgence of the pleasure of lust.
- ... *privacy* is how we dispute the injury of lust.
- ... *fantasy* is how we dismiss the danger of lust.

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Online Disinhibition Effect

—John R. Suler

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Today, pornography encourages voyeurism and visualizing because of AAA:

- Accessible
- Affordable
- Anonymous

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A Rhetorical Question:

“Can a man take fire to his chest
and not get burned?”

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“Behind every destructive pattern in my life, there is a lie to make believe.”

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What are the false promises?

- Respect

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- Respect
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- Respect
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- Escape

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What are the false promises?

- Respect
- Intimacy
- Escape
- Revenge

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A Personal Question:

“Can a man take fire to his chest and not get burned?”

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Some critical issues for purity and freedom:

- Is there a time of day when you are more susceptible to temptation?
- Is there a place where you are likely to indulge your lusts?
- Is there a circumstance that tends to give you “clearance” to pursue porn?
- Are there any choices you typically make before encountering temptation that may seem “harmless,” but quickly move you toward the sin?
- When you feel the urge to look at pornography, what are some “exit ramps” you can take to flee?

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A Consequential Question:

“Can a man take fire to his chest
and not get burned?”

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³²He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself.
³³He will get wounds and dishonor,
and his disgrace will not be wiped away. —Proverbs 6:32-33 ESV

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“Of all God’s gifts to humanity, none holds greater potential for injury and abuse than sex. Designed to bring us intimacy and happiness, sex has the power, when mishandled, to destroy relationships and produce intense suffering. Consequently, our permissive society is littered with the refuse of lives shattered by sexual abuse, pornography, sexual addiction, molestation, adultery, sexually transmitted diseases, and emotional devastation... God never designed or intended it to be this way.” —Randy Alcorn

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Proverbs 7:6-23

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How can I “fireproof” my life?

- Acknowledge the danger.

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The Laws of the Harvest: *You reap what you sow.
You reap more than you sow.
You reap later than you sow.*

⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
—Galatians 6:7-9 ESV

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How can I “fireproof” my life?

- Acknowledge the danger.
- Avoid slippery places.

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¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. —1 Corinthians 10:12-13 ESV

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How can I “fireproof” my life?

- Acknowledge the danger.
- Avoid slippery places.
- Accept responsibility for your actions.
“Run Forrest, run!”

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“Flee sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.”

—1 Corinthians 6:11

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How can I “fireproof” my life?

- Acknowledge the danger.
- Avoid slippery places.
- Accept responsibility for your actions.
“Run Forrest, run!”
- Acknowledge God’s gracious forgiveness and experience His faithful deliverance.

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⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God... ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. —I Corinthians 6:9-11, 20 ESV

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Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. —Hebrews 7:25 ESV

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