

# Standing Strong against Pornography

President Boyd K. Packer (1924–2015), President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, said:

“In our day the dreadful influence of pornography is like unto a plague sweeping across the world, . . . relentlessly trying to invade every home. . . .

“Pornography will always repel the Spirit of Christ and will interrupt the communications between our Heavenly Father and His children” (“Cleansing the Inner Vessel,” Ensign, Nov. 2010, 75).

As we strive to love and protect our children, pornography must be recognized for the threat that it is. Loving relationships and open communication are essential to strengthen and fortify our families. We can help children learn how to recognize pornography, how to avoid it, and what to do if they should encounter it.

In addition to my article on protecting children and helping them heal from pornography exposure or compulsion (page 22), I'd encourage you to read “Four Ways to Protect Your Family from Pornography” on page 60, as well as a special article for young adults titled “Dating and Pornography” on page 68. As parents, leaders, and Latter-day Saints, we must stand strong and intentional against pornography. The peace and happiness and well-being of our loved ones are at stake, and every effort on our part to strengthen our homes, with the Lord's help, will bring blessings.

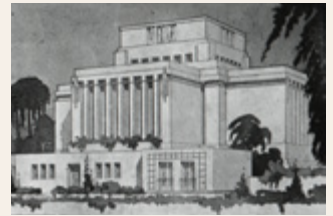
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