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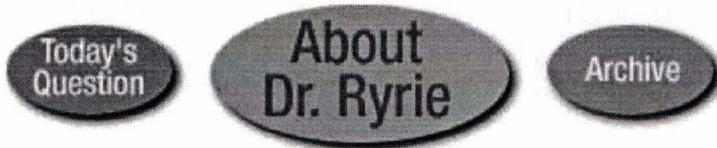


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**Subject:** Is pornography a form of adultery?

**Dear Dr. Ryrie:** I was married to a man who was addicted to pornography. I divorced this man not only because of his addiction and unwillingness to seek help but also because he was abusive. My question is this: Is pornography considered to be adultery or a form of adultery since Jesus speaks about looking on a woman to lust after her as having committed adultery in the heart? --Cheryl C.

**Dear Cheryl:** Certainly pornography and adultery are related. In Matthew 5:28, the Lord teaches that the lustful desire in one's heart of looking on a woman with lust can easily lead to the sinful act of adultery. Lusting can certainly be done whether the woman is in a picture or in the flesh.



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