Wise and Innocent

Description

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Romans 16:17-27

The information technology department of a Christian college undertook some routine computer system updates. In the process, someone discovered that one of the behavioral science professors had accessed multiple pornography sites on his school-issued laptop. When confronted, he protested that he wasn't using the materials for his own enjoyment, but was doing research on the issue of pornography. He maintained that in order to understand sexual addictions, he needed to actually view the websites himself. The administration rejected his line of thinking and excuses; he faced disciplinary measures and was ordered to stop this online exploration.

We don't need to know all about sin in order to avoid it, or to help others resist temptation. As the children's song cautions us "Be careful little eyes what you see. Be careful little ears what you hear." Rather than cluttering our minds with knowledge about evil, we would do well to focus on that which is pure and good. Filling our minds with the pursuit of wisdom will teach us how to avoid sin. Philippians 4:8 encourages us to focus our attention on what is right, true, and admirable—this is wisdom about what is good.

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