Lust Questionnaire Findings

Results of Survey Conducted at July 2007 International Convention

Following are the results of the lust questionnaire distributed in July 2007 in Adelphi, MD. SA members participated on a voluntary basis and submitted their questionnaires anonymously. A total of 176 SA members participated in this survey.



| Q1. Respondent gender | | | Q2. Marital status | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--|--|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | Male | Female | | Married | Single | Other | Not given |
| | 158 1 | 18 | | 94 | 55 | 25 | 2 |
| | 90% 2 | 10% | | 53% | 31% | 14% | 1% |
| Q3. Ma | in acting | out and | l fantasy | Q4. I | ength in | n SA (in | years) |
| Same Sex | Opp. Sex | Both | Not given | Avg | Max | Min | |
| 40 | 119 | 13 | 4 | 5.8 | 22.2 | .003 | |
| 23% | 68% | 7% | 2% | | | | |
| Q5. Length of physical sobriety (in years) | | | | Q6. No. of relapses from physical sexual sobriety? | | | |
| Avg | Max | Min | | Respons | es ranged f | rom zero to | countless |
| 3 | 21.9 | 0 | | | | | |
| Q7. L | ength of (in ye | | briety | Q8. \ | Want to | stop lu | sting? |
| Avg | Max | Min | | Yes | No | Not giver | 1 |
| 1.6 | 16.5 | 0 | | 171 (97%) | 4 (2%) | 1 (1%) | |
| | Q9. V | Vays yo | ou lust o | r are tei | npted t | o lust | |
| a. Pornography/ 1 media-based lust | | | b. Lust after other people | | ntic/sexual tasy | d. Lust a | after myself |
| 120 (68%) 138 (78 | | (78%) | 134 (76%) | | 50 (28%) | | |
| | | ke lust in o | | | f. (| Other | |
| 64 (36%) | | | 47 (37%) | | | | |
| | Q10 | . What | do you w | ant in lu | st recov | ery? | |
| a. Stop all in #9 | | | t to lust/choose not to t when tempted | | | to stop only behaviors | |
| 95 (54%) | 70 (4 | 10%) | | | 130 (74%) | | (5%) |

Q11. How do you interpret the Third Tradition?

(The only requirement for SA membership is the desire to stop lusting and become sexually sober.) I think the membership requirement means. . .

| a. Want to stop acting out physically only | b. Want to stop both willful lusting and physical acting out | c. Don't have to stop anything. I'm a member if I say I'm a member | d. Other |
|--|--|--|----------|
| 9 (5%) | 153 (87%) | 9 (5%) | 44 (25%) |

Q12. Do you personally think people are sober if, though not physically acting out, they still resort to:

| or other | y using por r media-bas rial or litera | sed lust | b. Willful after other | , . | to romanti | y resorting c or sexual tasy |
|----------|--|----------|---------------------------|-----|------------|------------------------------------|
| Yes | No | | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| 36 | 13 | 38 | 42 | 127 | 51 | 121 |
| 20% | 78% | | 24% | 72% | 20% | 69% |
| | d. Willfully lusting after themselves | | e. Willfull lust by wo | | | |
| | Yes | No | Ye | es | No | |
| | 38 | 127 | 4 | 0 | 124 | |
| | 22% | 72% | 23 | % | 70% | |

Q13. For me, the phrase "progressive victory over lust" means that I will steadily progress toward the point that:

| a. I might willfully lust | b. I will continue to be tempted |
|---|----------------------------------|
| but won't be compelled to | to lust, but will be free |
| act out physically | not to lust |
| 6 (3%) | 138 (78%) |
| c. I will not be tempted to lust | d. Own interpretation |
| 28 (16%) | 46 (26%) |

Q14. Where are you actually at in lust recovery today?

| a. I sometimes willfully resort to lust but don't act out with myself or others | b. I sometimes willfully resort to lust and stimulate myself, but not to the point of orgasm |
|---|--|
| 43 (24%) | 22 (13%) |
| c. I am not willfully resorting to lust, though tempted | d. I am not tempted anymore |
| 76 (43%) | 1 (1%) |

¹ Number of responses out of 176 total respondents

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² Percentage of total responses