TV and Movies God's Way

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INTRODUCTION

- Sadly, many Christians are being conformed to this world in many ways in their life, and one of those ways is in their entertainment.
- And as time has gone, things have gotten progressively worse.
- What we're going to talk about this morning is first the problem and then the solution.

1 General Dangers of TV and Movies

Ephesians 5:15–16

- There's the danger that you can waste precious time watching television.
- Our time is a gift from God that we should use wisely.
- Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time. Because the days are evil.
- A second general danger is this steady stream of godless ideology.
- There are ways that Satan is almost sometimes subliminally just getting into our hearts and into our minds.

2 Specific Dangers of Watching Trash

1 Corinthians 15:33; Romans 1:32; Ephesians 4:19

- One danger of watching trash is it trains us in sinful ways.
- Evil company corrupts good habits in 1 Corinthians 15, verse 33. Well we could just as easily say evil entertainment corrupts good habits.
- A second danger of watching trash is passive participation in sinful activities.
- Watching sin for entertainment is showing approval of it, whether we like to admit that or not.
- A third danger of watching trash is that it deadens our conscience.
- Prolonged exposure to sin leads to apathy. And so that our spiritual fingertips have no more feeling. We can touch sin and it won't hurt.

3 Biblical Principles of Preventing Sin

Proverbs 22:3; 2 Timothy 2:22

- Watch over your heart with all diligence. For from it flow the springs of life.
- We must keep the spring of our heart unpolluted, or else whatever comes out, will be polluted in our thoughts and our words and our actions.
- A second biblical concept here is avoid the path that leads to sin.
- The person approved by God is one who removes sinful influences.

- Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
- We've got to fight to stay away from sin proactively and not just sit by and watch it complacently.

4 Practical Suggestions Regarding TV and Movies

- Number one, my advice would be never watch unfiltered programming beyond a certain rating.
- Avoid commercials when possible. Maybe it's a pretty decent program, but the commercials might not be so clean.
- Third suggestion is research the content of movies and TV shows before you watch them.
- My next word of advice would be to go govern everything your children watch.
- I want to encourage us to think about buying a profanity filter for your television.
- It's worth it. What's the cost of our soul? How valuable is our soul?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are we doing that when we subject ourselves to filth by choice for entertainment and pay money for it? Do not be conformed to this world. But be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

MY NOTES