

Questions Posed for Study

Question: What is biblically appropriate entertainment for Christians?

Intro: We will cover more than just entertainment in this particular question. We will be looking at the question as to how much of the Christian _____ is to be impacted or allowed to be _____ by the world of the unsaved. We need to be reminded that the world is mostly comprised of _____ people who have no or little if any, spiritual influences in their lives.

As the Redeemed of the Lord, if one is truly saved, does have a spiritual influence by virtue of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God. His ministry is to _____ to Believers that which honors God, and what does not. **Galatians 5: 16 & 17**, is a clear reminder that we all have this _____ entity called our flesh. This is in reference to the lower nature of our physical being. When we are saved, the Holy Spirit takes up His _____ within us to communicate God's desires, God's passions, God's purposes and plans for a few aspects of His ministry. Once we are saved, we have two entities vying for control of our mind, our passion and desires.

We have to _____ which entity is going to control our lives, and our thought life. Either we will remain a carnal Christian, a mediocre Christian, or one who is fully yielded to the person of God and His infallibly preserved Word, **I Corinthians 3:1 – 3.**

1. The word 'carnal' [sarkikos] – to be _____ by one's lower nature.
2. The reality being that one is giving their flesh the _____ in their life.
3. Mediocrity is the Believer who has a _____ Christian walk.

It doesn't matter to a carnal Christian or all that much to a mediocre Christian what the Bible states, or what the Holy Spirit seeks to convict them of, or what the preacher preaches, they will _____, cajole, and give into their fleshly desires. Such questions will typically be invoked,

1. "I don't see anything wrong with _____?" *The question – perhaps God does!*
2. "What does it matter as long as I don't hurt anyone?" *(Others are affected!)*
3. "It's my life, and I will do what I want!"

Well, let's backup here for a minute buckeroo. #1 is usually a statement made from someone who has not _____ about it nor taken the time to be reading their Bible looking for answers to _____ them in making **godly** decisions! As to #2, it matters, because once

we make a profession of faith, we are not our _____, we have been bought with a price, which by the way is the ransom price Christ paid for you and I on the Cross – **I Corinthians 6:19 & 20.** As for the ransom – **Mark 10:45**, “ransom” meaning a price paid for redeeming someone or something.

So, another question comes to mind at this point, “What _____ do we have as the Redeemed of the Lord seeing He was willing to pay the price, making it possible for as many who come to a saving faith in Christ, to escape the _____ of God that is coming on all who reject Christ as the only means God has to save us from an eternity in hell.”

The Apostle Paul got it right when he penned this in **Romans 1:14 – 16** - We are all debtors, we owe our everything to Christ, or as the quote goes, “Jesus paid a price He did not owe, and we owed a price we could not pay.” However, we can choose to live our lives as the very best witnesses possible and this means using the tools God has given us to communicate how He wants us to live our lives.

We, the Redeemed of the Lord have three basic routes which we can take.

1. The _____ Amish route, refusing to consider anything that is new because everything new is of the devil!
2. The other _____ is taking the worldly route which is anything goes!
 - a. As the Redeemed of the Lord we are _____ to allow the world to set the standards.
 - b. Whatever the world is doing – we want to do it as well regardless of whether or not God is offended.
 - c. In spite of **Titus 2:14** – “peculiar” meaning a _____, a selected people.
 - (1). In what context are we the selected?
 - (2). Note the word “purify” – What does this mean? How do we cooperate?
 - (3). Whose responsibility is this? **(I Peter 1:15 & 16.)**
3. The third or correct route is the route of _____. **(I Corinthians 6:12 & 9:27)**
 - a. This particular position necessitates a personal examining of everything that _____ along to determine the spiritual benefit or absence of it. **Isaiah 5:20-25.**
 - b. It should always be a _____ when the world favors or embraces something! **(Philippians 4:8.)**
 - c. This later position should be a time of prayer to get the mind of God, ask ourselves, does this run counter to the Scriptures, would I want to be caught being involved should, and how is God glorified by what I’m about to do? **(I Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17 & 23.)**