

Questions Posed for Study

Question: What is biblically appropriate entertainment for Christians? – Part II

Intro: When we have to, or feel led to make this statement or something similar, “I don’t see anything wrong with _____?” (You can fill in the blank.) you are talking to the wrong person – **you!** The person to be asking is God to discover what He thinks or has to say.

We continue on, looking at some of the entertainment that exist and whether or not as God’s ambassadors, what is acceptable and what is not acceptable for us. We have this idea that if our flesh isn’t placated with carnal, worldly entertainment, we will be left with an emptiness or void in our lives. Not so! Here is the continuation of balance in the Christian life.

II. We, the Redeemed of the Lord have to learn to strike a _____. **I Corinthians 6:12.**

A. One of the first areas we need to strike a balance is between what is _____ & _____.

1. This includes between what is _____ and _____.

2. Also what is contrary to holiness and purity.

3. **Isaiah 5:20 – 25.**

B. We can only walk with God and God with us when _____ is absent – **Amos 3:3.**

1. **I John 1:5 – 2:5***

2. Any void that we anticipate from cutting out the carnal entertainment of the world is filled with our _____ relationship with Christ. (Satisfied in Christ)

3. The closer we get to Christ, the less we _____ the beggarly elements of the world.

4. **Galatians 5:9.**

C. Our primary text for point two is not a *cart blanche* to do as we _____ believing that we can become enmeshed with the world and not be adversely affected spiritually.

1. **Cart Blanche** means - complete freedom to act as one wishes or thinks best.

2. This is not the Apostle Paul’s point nor is it the Holy Spirit’s point.

D. We have many things to _____ and weigh in regard to the entertainment of the world, such as Hollywood, movies and worldly entertainment in general.

1. First, we need to remind ourselves that there is a _____ in heaven and a _____ of this present world.

2. We are to never, ever put ourselves in a _____ where as the Redeemed of the Lord, we place ourselves under the power of the god of this world.

(II Corinthians 4:4.)

3. God's people are not to _____ the world as imitation is often the highest form of flattery.
 - a. We should never imitate the world's music and _____ it as contemporary.
 - b. We should never imitate the world's styles just because they say "it is in."
 - c. Movie theaters are a powerful means of advertising for "what's in" in the world.
4. I have learned that over the many years of ministry, my-self included, that those professing to be saved through faith in Christ, but spend little to no time reading and meditating on what is read from their Bible, _____ as much spiritual discernment as does the unsaved.
 - a. **I Corinthians 2:9 – 16.**
 - b. **Galatians 5:7 – 9.**
5. We have little to _____ control over what is shown on a movie theater screen.
 - a. The main attraction may be wholesome and good.
 - b. However, they want you to come back and show trailers of other movies.
 - c. Trailers that are not suitable for believers of any _____.
 - d. And it doesn't take very much to get the flesh wandering and seeking its satisfaction.
6. So what are to do? Sit around and twiddle our thumbs! NO! We are to _____ activities that are God _____, God pleasing and good for us and our character as Christians. What might some of them be? (Hobbies, outdoor activities, building, planting, gardening, writing, taking courses for fun and education, photography, volunteering, just to name a few.)
7. The primary _____ we have as the redeemed of the Lord is this –
 - a. **I Corinthians 10:31.**
 - b. **Colossians 3:17 & 23.**