

Entertainment

Many of us live busy lives with little time left for various enjoyable endeavors. However, most of us have a portion of time whether during the evenings on weekdays or on weekends with which we can do what we like. This “extra” time is when we participate in going to the movies, renting movies, watching TV programs, bowling, pool, eating out, and so on. I have recently felt very convicted about watching TV and movies. I have decided to investigate the Scriptures to determine a solid footing for how I should act in this area of my life. I want to be closer to God, and He is holy, so that means that I need to become more holy. Please consider the following Scriptures.

How God Feels About Various Things

Ps 5.4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You.

Ps 5.5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.

Ps 5.6 You destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

Ps 11.4 The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

Ps 11.5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Pr 6.16 There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

Pr 6.17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

Pr 6.18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,

Pr 6.19 A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Is 61.8 For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense And make an everlasting covenant with them.

Zec 8.17 'Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate,' declares the LORD."

Mal 2.16 "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

We Are to Imitate God (adopt His preferences)

Eph 5.1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

Eph 5.2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Eph 5.3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;
Eph 5.4 and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
Eph 5.5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
Eph 5.6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
Eph 5.7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;
Eph 5.8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light
Eph 5.9 (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
Eph 5.10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
Eph 5.11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;
Eph 5.12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.
Eph 5.13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.
Eph 5.14 For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."
Eph 5.15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
Eph 5.16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Some Clear Commands Regarding our Behavior/Desires

Job 31.1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?"

Ps 97.10 Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Ps 101.3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me.

Pr 8.13 "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.

Pr 13.5 A righteous man hates falsehood, But a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully.

Am 5.14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; And thus may the LORD God of hosts be with you, Just as you have said!

Am 5.15 Hate evil, love good, And establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the LORD God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Mat 5.28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Mat 5.29 "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Mat 5.30 "If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

Mat 6.24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Ro 12.9 *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

2 Cor 7.1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Phil 4.8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

1 Jn 2.15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 Jn 2.16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

1 Jn 2.17 The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Motivation for Purity

Ps 24.3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?

Ps 24.4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully.

Ps 24.5 He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Mat 5.8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Heb 12.14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

Questions to Ask Yourself about Entertainment

1. Does it glorify God?
2. How does God feel about this activity?
 - a. Does He love it?
 - b. Is He indifferent?
 - c. Does He hate it?
3. Is this what the world does?
4. Would Jesus do this?
5. Am I doing this in secret?