

JOHN 17: 14-16

"We are in the world but not of the world."

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Services @8:30 & 10:45 | Sunday School for ALL Ages: 9:50-10:35

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Jesus said that his disciples were not "of the world" (Jn. 17:16). Peter said that we are "aliens and strangers" (1 Peter 2:11). Paul said that we are "citizens of heaven" (Phil. 3:18-20). This truth determines our perspective on everything.

ENTERTAINMENT... music, books, movies, games, shows, sports, social media, magazines, hobbies, online everything, etc.

# **ENTERTAINMENT** = enjoyment, leisure, pleasure

#### ENTERTAINMENT = <u>content</u> > <u>influence</u>

A wolf in sheep's clothing is more dangerous than a wolf undisguised simply because we do not <u>recognize</u> the <u>danger</u>.

# ENTERTAINMENT is not <u>SIN</u> unless it seeks to portray <u>SIN</u> as <u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>.

#### **QUESTIONS**

 Does this honor <u>God</u>, honor <u>faith</u>, and reflect a Christian world view?

 Does this influence my conscience in a <u>positive</u> way?  Can I <u>enjoy</u> this with no sense of unease or discomfort?

Can I ask God to <u>bless</u> this experience?

 Does this seek to <u>normalize</u> evil behavior and desensitize me to its impact?

 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret... Wake up, O sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Be very careful, then, how you live, not as foolish people but as wise. (Eph. 5:11-15)

 Does this <u>glorify</u> immorality, idolatry, greed, or violence, or fear?

 Does this <u>consume</u> my life, stealing from family, worship, work, service, etc.?

## Is the Christian life about avoiding evil or pursuing holiness?

Therefore, brothers, SINCE we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, LET US draw near to God with a sincere heart and full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience... LET US hold unswervingly to the hope we profess...

LET US consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. LET US NOT give up the habit of meeting together... LET US encourage one another as we see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

### The <u>message</u> of worldly entertainment is very **DECEPTIVE**.

### The <u>lure</u> of worldly entertainment is very **ATTRACTIVE**.

#### <u>Psalm 101</u>

I will be careful to lead a blameless life and walk in my house with a blameless heart. I will set before my eyes no vile thing. I hate the deeds of faithless men. They will not cling to me.