

Reading: Romans 12:1,2

Topic: Guidelines To Evaluation
Of Entertainment

INTRODUCTION: Everyone in life needs to have some form of _____ or entertainment but as children of _____, we must evaluate carefully what we choose as our fun.

I. THE WIDE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT:

A. In Time Past:

1. Up until the last generation, forms of recreation and entertainment were quite limited and _____, with no electronic advanced gadgets available to _____ with.
2. The only basic form of entertainment from the 1950's up to the 1970's was _____ and movie theaters along with the radio to listen to.

B. Development of Advanced Technology:

1. In today's modern age of entertainment, technology has advanced and is advancing so very _____ that it is almost impossible to _____ up with everything.
2. Now, things have advanced beyond radio and _____ to the internet, cellular and wireless options, and ever increasing avenues for people to find forms of _____, both good and evil.
3. With so many options available, it is impossible to deny the fact of easy _____ to so many temptations that can harm and destroy the spiritual _____ and morality of an individual.
4. Research had revealed that the average North American now spends about ten _____ per day in front of a screen of some kind – smart phone, tablet, computer, television, etc, some of which is done for work and the rest for entertainment.

II. QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT WHAT I CHOOSE:

A. What Kind of Value Does This Add To My Life?

1. The Word of God instructs us to do what we are doing so that in the end it will be _____ to end up for the glory of _____. I Cor. 10:31
2. The recreation and entertainment that I choose should end up relaxing and _____ my body, which is the temple of God, in order to make me more effective in the _____ of God.

B. What Kind of Feelings & Desires Does My Form of Entertainment Create In Me?

1. The Word of God describes the eye as the light of the _____, and what we permit our eyes to see is going to affect us inwardly. Luke 11:34
2. Viewing pornography leads to evil affects upon the _____ and desires of the inner person, and causes a troubled _____ and a distressed mind, leading to sin. Mt. 5:27,28
3. Playing violent video games and viewing violent films has been proven to _____ the thoughts and behavior of children and young people as well as certain _____.

C. Would I Want My Children & Those That I Lead To Emulate My Form Of Entertainment?

1. No matter who we are, we each have an influence on _____ people, whether it be our own family, the people in our _____, those that we _____ to the Lord, etc.

2. Would we want our children to be influenced by the same kind of entertainment that we _____ to do, and the people that we are _____ and influencing in ministry?
3. If the answer to that question is _____ then we should not be participating in that kind of entertainment and recreation, for if it is harmful to others, it is also harmful to _____.

D. What Kind of Time Do I Spend On My Form of Recreation?

1. Time is precious and valuable, so much so that the Word of God instructs us to “Redeem the time,” or to count it as something of great _____. Col. 4:5
2. If we can’t take _____ for prayer and the Word of God, but we have lots of _____ for video games and Facebook, etc. then we don’t understand the value of _____, and our spiritual life will suffer.

E. Would I Be Comfortable Doing This With Jesus?

1. This question will put a filter on what we _____ to do for recreation and entertainment, because if we couldn’t be comfortable sitting down with Jesus to _____ this, we shouldn’t be doing it.
2. Jesus was not against recreation and relaxation, and in fact He _____ it, knowing that it would be good for the _____, soul and mind, but what we choose to do should be acceptable to Him. Mk 6:31

III. LISTEN TO PROPER INFLUENCES:

A. Be Wise:

1. God has given us His Word and His Spirit to _____ and to _____ us in our walk with Him, and we need to be sensitive to understand and _____ His will. Eph. 5:17
2. God has also placed spiritual leaders in our lives to _____ us the right way to walk in this evil world so that we do not fall prey to the adversary of our soul through the _____ of wrong entertainment.
I Cor. 11:1

B. Guard Our Temples:

1. We need to guard what we _____ to with our ears, what we _____ with our eyes, where we go with our _____, what we _____ with our mouth, and what we _____ with our minds. Ph. 4:8
2. All of the evil influences of the _____ cannot harm us if we keep them outside of our hearts and minds, and keep our walk with Jesus _____ through daily prayer, the Word of God and going to church.

CONCLUSION: We are not going to have someone constantly _____ over us to see what we are doing every day with regards to recreation and entertainment, so we must mature to the place where we make _____ and spiritual choices that edify us and not harm us.