

We live in what is called the "Screen Age." We all have TV screens, phone screens, watch screens, computer screens, and movie screens. There is a screen in every direction all pushing "entertainment." Interestingly enough, the entertainment industry seems to be the biggest arm of outreach for the schemes of the Devil. Even more impressive than that, is that those whom the devil wants to destroy off the face of the planet are actually funding these operations. Like the saying goes, "give the devil an inch, and he will become a ruler". So, let's cover this very important topic and learn how to guard against the entertainment conspiracy.

### The Worlds Entertainment Industry In A Nut Shell:

2 Peter 2:9-19 "The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust for a day of judgment, to be punished, (10) and especially those who walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise dominion. They are darers, selfpleasing; not trembling at glories, speaking evil. (11) Where angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reproaching accusation against them before the Lord. (12) But these, as unreasoning natural brute animals having been born for capture and corruption, speak evil of the things that they do not understand. And they will utterly perish in their own corruption, (13) being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, deeming indulgence as pleasure in the daytime, and reveling in spots and blemishes, feasting along with you in their deceits, (14) having eyes full of adultery and never ceasing from sin, alluring unstable souls, having a heart exercised with covetousness. They are cursed children (15) who have forsaken the right way and have gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, (16) but had reproof of his lawbreaking, a dumb ass speaking in a man's voice, held back the madness of the prophet. (17) These are wells without water, clouds driven with a tempest, for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever. (18) For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they lure through the lusts of the flesh, by unbridled lust, the ones who were escaping from those who live in error; (19) promising them liberty, they themselves are the slaves of corruption. For by whom anyone has been overcome, even to this one he has been enslaved."

Has not the Body of Christ been overcome by the entertainment of the world? By turning into heathens looking for the next pleasure or "wiz-bang-pow?" Ever searching for something to shock their cold, dead souls! Having denied the power of Godliness, they now search for a replacement for a move of the Holy Spirit. Ever willing to accept anything that makes them feel anything at all.

### The Same Song And Dance

Ecclesiastes 1:9 "That which has been is that which shall be; and that which has been done is that which shall be done; and there is nothing new under the sun."

### More On the Entertainment Industry.

**Isaiah 3:9** "The look of their faces testify against them. They parade their sin like Sodom. They don't hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought disaster upon themselves."

Jeremiah 8:12-13 "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed. They couldn't blush. Therefore they will fall among those who fall. In the time of their visitation they will be cast down, says Yahweh. (13) "'I will utterly consume them, says Yahweh. No grapes will be on the vine, no figs on the fig tree, and the leaf will fade. The things that I have given them will pass away from them.'"

# The Devil doesn't want the Body of Christ to know that your remote control and your dollars are some of the most powerful weapons you have at your disposable. It can also be the noose around your own neck.

<u>Question:</u> If I offered my services to you and my business is the destruction of your family, but I guarantee that I can make it fun (at least for a little while). Would you pay for it? <u>Answer:</u> Of course not!

But the same people who say "no" to that will purchase entertainment that is doing the very same thing.

- Satan Knows That He Can Get You To Accept What You Are Willing To Laugh At.
- He Knows You Will Accept It As "Just Entertainment" Before You Accept It On A Personal Level.
- HE Knows When You Are Looking For A "Good Time" That You Will Let Your Guard Down.
- He Knows That TV Shows, Movies, Video Games, Sports, YouTube, Social Media, Etc. are Fertile Ground To Sow Seeds Of Sin And Rebellion.

Sports are no different! They are like modern versions of bread and circuses. It is not wrong to enjoy a game, yet people get so ate up with it. The majority of Christian brothers that are into sports (that I know of) spend more time thinking and digesting sports than they do God. They know more about a recent trade or stat than they do of pure doctrine. They wear their favorite teams clothing, hang flags at their house, put stickers on their cars, etc. When in reality what they are doing for a game is what they should be doing for their God. If we can get the Christian sports fans in America to shout and cheer for God the way they do their team, there would be an incredible revival in America.

## <u>Use Your Liberty Wisely</u>

# As Christians, we have liberty from God in this life. Not liberty to sin, but to enjoy the good things provided for us for our enjoyment and pleasure. Let's read:

**<u>1 Timothy 6:17-19</u>** "Charge those who are rich in this present world that they not be arrogant, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on the living God, <u>who</u> richly provides us with everything to enjoy; (18) that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to share; (19) laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life."

# Though we must understand that the liberty given to us by God to enjoy the good things provided, should not be abused as an excuse to sin.

### Personal

**<u>1 Corinthians 6:12</u>** "All things are lawful for me" – but not everything is beneficial. "All things are lawful for me" – but I will not be controlled by anything."

### The Body

**<u>1 Corinthians 10:23</u>** "Everything is lawful," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is lawful," but not everything builds others up."

**<u>1 Corinthians 8:9</u>** "But be careful that this liberty of yours does not become a hindrance to the weak."

We do not have a license to sin and rebel against God. What we have is a mandate to Holiness before our God. We are called to manage our lives with the correct understanding of balancing holiness with Godly pleasures given to us to help bring joy in our lives.

### <u>The Master Plan:</u>

Let us list some guidelines to better help to monitor what we are consuming though entertainment. We can then filter these entertainment options through the filter of God's Word. Whatever makes it out the other side we can be assured is okay for consumption. Making sure that our entertainment is not a poisonous pill against Holiness.

### Ask: Can What You Are About To Partake In Pass These Guidelines?

Philippians 4:7-9 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. (8) Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. (9) The things which you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: do these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

### Beware: Do Not Call Something Good If God Has Called It Evil!

**Isaiah 5:20-21** "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (21) Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

#### Behold: Do Not Look Upon Wickedness, Especially In An Attempt To Be Entertained By Evil.

Job 31:1 "I made a covenant with my eyes, how then should I look lustfully at a young woman?"

<u>Psalms 101:3-4</u> "I will set no vile thing before my eyes. I hate the deeds of faithless men. They will not cling to me. (4) A perverse heart will be far from me. I will have nothing to do with evil."

### Guard the Door: Keep Watch, And Prevent The Devil From Sneaking Things Into Your Heart.

**1 Corinthians 6:14-20** "Now God raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by his power. (15) Don't you know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! (16) Or don't you know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body? For, "The two", he says, "will become one flesh." (17) But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. (18) Flee sexual immorality! "Every sin that a man does is outside the body," but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. (19) Or don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, (20) for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

**1 Peter 3:10-12** "For, "He who would love life, and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. (11) Let him turn away from evil, and do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it. (12) For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears open to their prayer; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

### <u>Remember: Never Forget Your Holy Calling In This life.</u>

**Titus 2:11-14** "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, (12) instructing us to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we would live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age; (13) looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; (14) who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works."

**1 Peter 2:9-12** "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: (10) who in time past were no people, but now are God's people, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. (11) Beloved, I beg you as foreigners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; (12) having good behavior among the nations, so in that of which they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation."

### > Ask This: Would You Invite Jesus To Join You?

## The Ways OF Wickedness

Entertainment Is Teaching The Masses "The Ways Of Wickedness" <u>Proverbs 2:6-15</u> "For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding. (7) He stores up effective counsel for the upright, and is like a shield for those who live with integrity, (8) to guard the paths of the righteous and to protect the way of his pious ones. (9) Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity – every good way. (10) For wisdom will enter your heart, and moral knowledge will be attractive to you. (11) Discretion will protect you, understanding will guard you, (12) to deliver you from the way of the wicked, from those speaking perversity, (13) who leave the upright paths to walk on the dark ways, (14) who delight in doing evil, they rejoice in perverse evil; (15) whose paths are morally crooked, and who are devious in their ways;"

### If You Seek To Be Entertained But Such Things You Are Pursuing Evil

**Proverbs 11:19-21** "True righteousness leads to life, **but the one who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.** (20) The LORD abhors those who are perverse in heart, but those who are blameless in their ways are his delight. (21) Be assured that the evil person will not be unpunished, but the descendants of the righteous have escaped harm. Hate Evil"

### People Sit Around And Discuss The Evil Acts And Deeds Found In Entertainment: Don't!

**Proverbs 8:5-9** "You who are naive, discern wisdom! And you fools, understand discernment! (6) Listen, for I will speak excellent things, and my lips will utter what is right. (7) For my mouth speaks truth, and my lips hate wickedness. (8) All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing in them twisted or crooked. (9) All of them are clear to the discerning and upright to those who find knowledge."

Matthew 12:34-37 "Offspring of vipers! How are you able to say anything good, since you are evil? For the mouth speaks from what fills the heart. (35) The good person brings good things out of his good treasury, and the evil person brings evil things out of his evil treasury. (36) I tell you that on the day of judgment, people will give an account for every worthless word they speak. (37) For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

James 3:7-12 "For every kind of animal, bird, creeping thing, and sea creature, is tamed, and has been tamed by mankind; (8) but nobody can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. (9) With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God. (10) Out of the same mouth comes blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. (11) Does a spring send out from the same opening fresh and bitter water? (12) Can a fig tree, my brothers, yield olives, or a vine figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh water."

**Proverbs 8:13** "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; I hate arrogant pride and the evil way and perverse utterances."

## **Purity VS Poison**

### How Can You Become A New Creation By Consuming What Jesus Came to Save You From?

<u>Colossians 3:9-10</u> "Do not lie to one another, having put off the old man with his deeds (10) and having put on the new, having been renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"

**Ephesians 4:21-24** "if indeed you have heard Him and were taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus. (22) For you ought to put off the old man (according to your way of living before) who is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, (23) and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. (24) And you should put on the new man, who according to God was created in righteousness and true holiness."

**<u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u>** "So that if anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

### Hate The Garment (Entertainment) Spotted With Sin!

Jude 1:20-23 "But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith, by praying in the Holy Spirit, (21) maintain yourselves in the love of God, while anticipating the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that brings eternal life. (22) And have mercy on those who waver; (23) save others by snatching them out of the fire; have mercy on others, coupled with a fear of God, hating even the clothes stained by the flesh."

### **Dogs And Their Vomit:**

### <u>Remember The Opening Verse? It Basically Described The Entertainment Industry.</u> <u>Here Is The Remainder Of The Statement:</u>

**2 Peter 2:20-22** "For if, after they have escaped the defilement of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in it and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. (21) For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. (22) But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, "The dog turns to his own vomit again," and "the sow that has washed to wallowing in the mire."

# We seek salvation from God through Jesus. He dies and pays the price for our sins. Then we turn around and find entertainment in the very things that would have killed us, and that did kill Jesus. That makes no sense at all!

### God Will Repay You For What You Invest Into.

<u>Galatians 6:7-9</u> "Don't be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (8) For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (9) Let's not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don't give up."

### DEFUND THEIR POISON

**Do Not Financially Support The Wicked By Purchasing Their Entertaining Products Of Sin. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18** "Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? (15) What agreement has Christ with Belial? Or what portion has a believer with an unbeliever? (16) What agreement has a temple of God with idols? For you are a temple of the living God. Even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people." (17) Therefore "Come out from among them, and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Touch no unclean thing. I will receive you. (18) I will be to you a Father. You will be to me sons and daughters,' says the Lord Almighty."

**1 Corinthians 10:20-22** "But I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God, and I don't desire that you would have fellowship with demons. (21) You can't both drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You can't both partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons. (22) Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?"

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### Church-anity

Now, dare I say that "churchanity" is entertainment? Yes, I do!

Turn off your television; you don't have to watch sin for entertainment. But, hey, when you go to some churches, it's slightly better than television. You can feel like it's a holy experience. While at the same time, they use the same tricks and techniques to entrap you into false doctrine. While the presentation is not necessary the problem, it's the intent to deceive that is. Be on guard against the tricks of the devil. The masses have become susceptible to the tactics of entertainment and now they are being used in churches against the Body of Christ.

### The Masses Seek A Show.

Mark 8:12 "He sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Most certainly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation."

### The Churches Give Them Ones To Deceive.

Mark 8:15 "He warned them, saying, "Take heed: beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." Church & The Government

Matthew 16:11-12 "How is it that you don't perceive that I didn't speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." (12) Then they understood that he didn't tell them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

**If** we walk around with an indifferent attitude about right and wrong in entertainment, we do Holiness a great harm. By saying all things are equal and that there is neither wrong nor right, then there cannot be holiness. We destroy holiness by trying to level the playing field of morality. By retaining the safeguards placed by our Creator, we exalt holiness before our God and honor Him in our obedience. By calling evil- evil, and good- good, we secure for ourselves a safe haven of righteousness; a defense against the schemes of the Devil and a harbor for joy unstained by sin. So, next time you sit down to be entertained, make sure you follow the guidelines above, and make sure you're not taking a poisonous pill from the hands of Satan.

1 Timothy 6:8 "But having food and clothing, we will be content with that."