

# THE GREATEST ENEMY OF YOUR SOUL

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The Devil hates you. He hates God. He hates the Bible.

The Devil hates it when you attempt to live a godly Christian life.

The Devil, in his great wisdom will find ways to prevent you from getting saved and from living a godly life.

He'll put forth great efforts to destroy your home, your children, your church and your zeal for things of God.

Today we'll expose one of the Devil's greatest tools for accomplishing his goals of spoiling you.

## **MATTHEW 15:15-17**

This is a fixed law of God. God reveals how the human body works.

- What goes in the mouth enters the belly and then goes into the draught.

## **LAMENTATIONS 3:51**

This is also a fixed law of God. God reveals how the human body works.

- What I view with my eyes affects my heart.

## **MATTHEW 6:22:23**

What you view with your eyes will affect and influence your whole body.

- If light (i.e. Jesus, God, God's Word) enters your eye, every part of your body will be affected by the light.
- If darkness enters your eye, every part of your body will be affected by it.

## **PSALM 101:2-3**

How can I walk within my house with a perfect heart?

- By making sure I SET no wicked thing before my eyes.
  - Notice God's choice of words. He didn't say "Place no wicked thing." He didn't say, "Observe no wicked thing." He said "SET."
  - The Devil's box is exposed by the name TV "SET."
    - Why not TV machine? TV mechanism? TV Device? Etc?
- **"I hate the work of them that turn aside."**
  - TV and Movie stars are not walking with God. They've turned aside. TV programs are the WORK of them that turn aside.

## **EPHESIANS 2:1-2**

Satan is the prince of the power of the air. He has the oversight. He's the boss.

- TV programs travel from the TV station through the air and into the antenna or dish or router in your house.

## **NUMBERS 33:51-53**

God told the children of Israel that when they take possession of the Promised Land, they must DESTROY all the PICTURES and IMAGES belonging to the wicked people that lived there before. Why?

- God didn't want their pictures to influence his chosen people. What goes in your eyes affects your heart and will affect the way you live.
- The Hollywood actors are wicked, ungodly people. The pictures and images that they produce for your TV Set can only be wicked.

**The result of TV on kids today:** at a very young age, children's innocence is taken away by what they view with their eyes on the TV Set. Children LEARN how to live by what they SEE on TV! And what is being taught is wickedness.

**The result of TV on a marriage:** a husband will lose his desire for his own wife when he compares her to all the Hollywood starlets he's watching. A wife will judge her husband to be unromantic and unsuccessful in comparison to the soap opera and movie characters. It will erode your love for each other and destroy your marriage.

**EXODUS 23:24**

**"Thou shalt not bow down to their gods...thou shalt...break down their images."**

- Observe how a child watches TV. After 20 minutes they are bowing to it.
- Parents complain when their children do the things that they learned in their living room from the TV. Parents are responsible; they will give an account to God for not restricting their children from those pictures.

**ROMANS 1:28-32**

God says those who commit wickedness are worthy of His judgment.

- But He ALSO said those who have PLEASURE in those that do wickedness are worthy of His judgment!
  - Even if you would never DO the wicked things, if you enjoy watching OTHERS do wicked things, you will be judged!

**PHILIPPIANS 4:8**

Christians are told to **"think on these things:"**

- Things that are true. (Don't watch dramas or fiction).
- Things that are honest. (Don't watch politics).
- Things that are just. (Don't watch religious programs).
- Things that are pure. (Unplug the TV).
- Things that are lovely. (No murder or horror shows).
- Things that are of good report. (Turn off the News program).

Television is so harmful because it steals your thoughts away from right things and occupies your thoughts with wrong things.

Television is so harmful because it silences the voice of the Holy Spirit when He tries to speak to your heart about important matters:

- The lack of time we spend with our children.
- The way we are treating our spouse.
- The lack of time we spend reading the Bible, praying, witnessing, etc.
  - We turn on the TV to drown out that voice that's speaking to our conscience.

**COLOSSIANS 1:16-18**

What about the *"good"* programs; the *"instructional"* programs; the *"educational"* programs?

- If a program doesn't give Jesus Christ the number one place, it's not good
- Most educational programs on TV teach evolution, not creationism. Jesus Christ is not in evolution!
- Christians say, "Yeah, but most of what they teach is right."
  - Most of what Satan told Eve was right, but resulted in her downfall and the downfall of the entire human race.

**EPHESIANS 5:15**

**"Redeeming the time because the days are evil."** Is watching TV the best use of your time?

Have you done all the important things?

- Have you prayed for everybody?
- Have you witnessed to everybody?
- Have you done all that God has told you to do?
- Have you taught your family everything that there is in the Bible?
- Have you lived according to all of God's commands?
- Have you obeyed every instruction God has given you?
  - Then, why are you watching TV?