

Teaching Teen Media Discernment

Good Questions: Scriptures to Talk About

Try reading and discussing the following passages.

Passage: Romans 12:2. Question: Does this form of entertainment conform to the "pattern of this world" or God's pattern?

Passage: Ephesians 5:11. Question: When would entertainment be part of what could be called "the fruitless deeds of darkness-?"

Passage: Romans 12:9. Question: Is this entertainment selection glamorizing evil? If so, am I hating it (like I should) or merely tolerating it?

Passage: Proverbs 4:24. Question: This verse explains that it's important to guard our speech. How so? How does this verse apply to today's media?

Passage: Ecclesiastes 9:18. Question: Even if an entertainment choice is 98 percent good, how can one scene or stanza turn an entire project from something to embrace into something to avoid?

Passage: Ephesians 4:22. Question: While it's not always easy or popular, Christians are commanded to live life differently from everyone else. How so?

Passage: Proverbs 3:21. Question: Is it possible to preserve sound judgment and discernment and still be entertained? Explain.

Passage: Mark 9:43. Question: Evil behavior is often depicted by Hollywood and popular musicians as acceptable or preferable. But according to this verse, how important is it to God that we diligently seek not to sin?

Passage: Proverbs 24:1. Question: Substitute "entertainment" for "men" and reread the verse. What's the application here?

Passage: 1 Corinthians 10:6. Question: Read the verses preceding this one. What things occurred as examples? How does this underscore the importance of guarding our hearts?

Passage: Matthew 12:34-36. Question: These verses might be summed up in the words of the familiar saying "Garbage in, garbage out." What's the media application here?

Passage: Psalm 101:3. Question: At what point does this apply to television, the Internet, video games, and film viewing?

Passage: Philippians 4:8. Question: If we can't find entertainment as described in this verse, what are we to do?