



How Shall the Young Redeem the Time?

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INTRODUCTION

- Correct entertainment raises the whole standard of a nation. Wrong entertainment lowers the whole living condition and moral ideals of a race.
- Have we become so desensitized to sin that even someone saying the Lord's name in vain doesn't affect us anymore?
- I want you to know that your entertainment and the choices you make for what entertains you does affect you.

1 Your Entertainment Affects Your Time

Ephesians 5:15–16; Colossians 4:5

- Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil.
- When you redeem the time, what you do is you rescue it from misuse.
- What you can do, though, is make the decision, I'm going to rescue the time I have left and use it for godly pursuits.
- We all need leisure time, but there's the danger that our leisure time becomes lazy time and then lazy time becomes all the time.
- Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.
- When the majority of our day is spent being entertained, can we really say we're using our time and opportunity for things that have eternal value?

2 Your Entertainment Affects Your Mind

Colossians 3:1–2; Philippians 4:8–9

- What you expose your mind to is going to come out either in your words or in your deeds.
- If a 30-second commercial can do that, don't you think a 30-minute sitcom can sell us on a lifestyle?
- Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on the earth.
- Is it possible for you to have your mind set on the things above when your television is set on the things below.
- Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, let your mind dwell on these things.
- Are we in the business of entertaining men or glorifying God?

3 Your Entertainment Affects Your Influence

1 Thessalonians 5:22

- The program warns this material may not be suitable for children. Well, is it suitable for a Christian?
- What kind of double standard is that teaching our children?
- The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5 to abstain from every appearance of evil.
- Is it going to help them to set their mind on things above and not on things that are on the earth?
- How will that help them see that we are different?
- Shouldn't we be careful about how we're affecting our influence in allowing the devil to take something which can be used for good and turn it into something evil?

THE CHALLENGE

We need people of God, and you may be the only one in your family at the start, but we need the people of God who will stand up and say, We're not going to watch that anymore.

MY NOTES
