

Transformers

Transforming Movies

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To Watch or Not to Watch...

Intro: What's the last movie you watched? Would you recommend it? Why or why not?

Topic: How DO Christians interact with popular entertainment? How SHOULD they?
...condemn it all? infuse trends with spiritual messages? consume it w/o thinking?

—What are some reasons NOT to watch movies?

1 Cor. 10:23; 1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 4:8
John 17:14-18
1 Peter 2:11-12

AVOID becoming a cultural GLUTTON who consumes pop culture without
DISCERNMENT

The danger is in how it affects:

- OURSELVES : Matt 5:21-22,27-28;
- OTHERS : Romans 14:13-23; Matt 5:14-16

—What are some reasons TO watch movies?

- 1) AVOID becoming a cultural ANOREXIC who is unable to
REDEMPTIVELY interact with the world
- 2) Human culture is a GIFT from GOD
- 3) Movies can provide PERSPECTIVE on someone else's VIEWPOINT

—What limits should a Christian put on their movie-watching? What is a healthy and balanced approach?

—Movies are a powerful means of communication in our culture. Can they be used as a witnessing tool? How?

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22: "Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil."