

What are you looking at?

Lamentations 3:48-51 What you see affects your heart!

Matthew 6:22-24 The light of the body is the eye

All scripture is profitable to the child of God, though not all things are applicable to the Christian (2 Timothy 3:16-17) doctrinally. And what was written aforetime was for our learning and admonition (1 Corinthians 10:11, Romans 15:4). We ought to learn from the bad examples contained in the Scriptures so we don't make the same mistakes they did. What am I trying to teach you tonight? What you look at affects your heart. If you don't believe me now, you will by the end of this study.

If you're not looking at the right stuff, it can and will get you into trouble:

Eve (Genesis 3:1-6) Her eyes damned the entire human race. She was looking at it and marveling. THAT is when the devil came and tempted her saying go ahead and eat it, I don't understand why that big mean God wouldn't let you enjoy this. He is lying to you, you won't die, in fact, you will become as gods. That's how it goes.

Lot (Genesis 13:8-13, 19:1, 19:15-28) His eyes cost him the ruin of his wife and daughters. It always starts like this: It looks good to the eyes, then you move closer to it, and entertain it, and you keep moving closer and closer to it until you are sucked in!

David (2 Samuel 11:1-27) He not being where he ought to be, caused him to see a naked woman. He ended up committing murder and adultery and lying about it. Was there a consequence to his sin? His child died, his sons killed each other and fought over his throne, and a son of David raped his daughter.

Don't say it won't happen to you! (Proverbs 12:26)

The devil tempts with the lust of the flesh, eyes and pride of life (1 John 2:15-17)!

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What is with these Pictures?

Numbers 33:50-56 People and pictures influence behavior

If you don't destroy these things, they will become pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your side and will vex you, and by the way, vex the Holy Spirit!

Isaiah 2:6-16 God will destroy the pleasant pictures of the last days

Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God (2 Timothy 3:4)

Why do people always seek to be entertained? They want something to distract them from life! They want to live in a fantasy world and TV, video games, movies, and secular music allows them to "get away" for a little while.

"Prince of the Air" (Ephesians 2:2)

Things about TV:

When you watch a lot of TV you are literally wasting your time (Ephesians 5:14-16)

There is no denying that TV is a cesspool of sin and evil and wickedness!
Fact: 99% of all television shows break the ten commandments within 15 minutes
Fact: TV desensitizes you towards all sorts of evil!

Desensitize: To render insensitive or less sensitive; To make emotionally insensitive or unresponsive, as by long exposure or repeated shocks; to extinguish an emotional response; To make (a photographic film or substance) less sensitive to light.

1st commandment – Thou shalt have no other gods before me
Anything you put before the LORD is an idol and breaks the first commandment.
Fact: Most Christians spend more time in front of the TV than in God's word, in prayer, and singing unto the LORD and praising and worshipping him. Such things ought not so to be. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

Abhor that which is evil (Romans 12:9)
Abstain from all appearance of evil! (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
Proverbs 13:20 Who and what you keep company with affects your character
1 Timothy 5:22 Be not a partaker of another man's sins!
Psalm 101:2-3 Set no wicked thing before your eyes!
A little leaven leavens the whole lump (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)!

Strange business:

We are against evil and hate sin but we invite it into our hearts and homes by putting on ungodly music and turning on the TV, and we think nothing of it! Let me ask you this, do you think the TV shows you are watching now will be on during the millennium? What about the music you listen to? What about the games you play? If you can honestly say in your heart before God, that there is nothing wrong with what I'm watching or listening to, then keep on doing it. But if you can't say it, get rid of it! Ruckman said at the revival, "If it's right do it, if it's wrong don't do it."

Good things to look at:

Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) Wouldn't you want to run a race without any weights?
Numbers 15:38-41 – Do you have anything that causes you to remember the LORD?
2 Corinthians 4:18 Look at that which is not seen (Colossians 3:1-2)
2 Peter 3:13-14 Don't forget this!
Fill your mind with these things (Philippians 4:8-9)

Conclusion

Casting down imaginations (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
What you look at and listen to can destroy your soul (Proverbs 6:20-33).
Good advice (Proverbs 4)

Can you sit down with the LORD and enjoy with the Lord what you look at and watch?
Judge all things you look at and listen to this way and act accordingly. Listen, fellowship with the Lord is soooooo much better than fellowship with this wicked world and its sins.
Amen.