



Community Bible Church

Sermon Discussion Questions: 9/28-29 & 10/2

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Title: It's not just entertainment.

Text: 1 Timothy 4:2

Target: Stand firm against a satanic agenda!

Key Thought: 7 spheres of influence in society: Family, Church, Education, **Media, Arts/Entertainment**, Business & Govt.

I. The Satanic Agenda in Music: Music is a Medium

A. Satan was Musical: Ezekiel 28:12-19

1. Full of Wisdom and Beauty (Vs. 12)
2. Musical: (Vs. 13)
3. Anointed cherub (Vs. 14)
4. Position of Leadership (Vs. 14)
5. Lead 1/3 of the angels to rebel (Rev. 12:14/Is. 14:12-14)

B. Music influences Culture: *“Again, the devil took Him(Jesus) to a very high mountain and showed him all the **kingdoms of the world** and their glory. (Matthew 4:8)*

1. **Music has a dual nature:** (Good or Evil)
2. **Music evokes a response:** (joy, hope, sadness, anger, etc.)
3. **Music shapes value systems:** (lyrics become beliefs delivered by popular influential persuasion)
4. **Music impacts behavioral ethics:** (human flourishing, desensitization or societal deconstruction)

C. Examples of Satanic imagery and Lyrics: (Shock Value or Serious)

1. **Expression of Anarchy/Humanism?** This is the agenda of Satan. Make yourself god!
2. **Fame and Fortune?** No other gods!
3. **Bowed Down in Exchange for Glory?** Not just a temptation for Jesus, but for you..

Question #1: *Music often evokes strong emotions. What emotions do you find yourself experiencing most often with certain songs? How do these emotions influence your thoughts and actions?*

Question #2: *In what ways do you think music contributes to behaviors that might be harmful or destructive in society? Have you seen this reflected in your own experiences or in your community?*

II. The Satanic Agenda in Movies & Media (Gaming):

A. REwrite God's Plan: (3 Circles) Glorification of Brokenness.

1. Subtle Themes:

- a) **Distort Moral Values:** Normalize Sinful Behavior
- b) **Promote Darkness:** Depict Violence, Nudity, Sexuality, Immorality.
- c) **Change Beliefs:** Biblical or Secular Worldview?
 - (1) Deconstruction of Traditional Marriage & Family.
 - (2) Homosexuality and Transgenderism glamorized.
 - (3) Erase Absolute Truth, which is God's Word..

(4) Humanism and Pluralism becomes the Focus

2. **Specific Themes:**

- a) **Blur the Line:** Good witches are portrayed using sorcery, use of spells to defend against evil only causing more interest in the occult by those influenced. .
- b) **Direct Affront to Jesus:** Satan more powerful than Jesus (NOT TRUE!)

B. **REvisit the Garden:** Satan says to Eve: “*Did God surely say?*” (Genesis 3:1)

- 1. **Doubt God:** God has lied to you and is holding out on you.
- 2. **Deny God:** You don’t need God, you be God.
- 3. **Defy God:** There are no consequences to your choices.

Question #3 *What boundaries have you set in your life regarding media consumption? How effective have they been, and what challenges have you faced in maintaining them?*

Question #4 *Genesis 3:1 mentions Satan's strategy of causing doubt. Have you experienced moments of doubt in your faith? How did you address those moments, and what helped you regain confidence?*

III. **The Christians Defense against Satan’s Agenda:** Ephesians 6:12

A. **Biblical Direction:** Proverbs 4:23 (Don’t Let an ANTI-CHRIST influence have an inch your life)

- 1. **Don’t Conform to the World:** (Romans 12:2)
- 2. **You Must Exercise Discernment:** (Phil. 4:8)
- 3. **Test Every Spirit and Abstain from Evil:** 1 Thess. 5:21-22
- 4. **Guard our Hearts and Minds:** (2 Cor. 10:5)
- 5. **Give No Footholds:** (Ephesians 4:27)
- 6. **Don’t Grieve the Holy Spirit:** (Ephesians 4:30)
- 7. **Pray for Protection:** Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge to Satan. (John Bunyan)

B. **Practical Suggestion:** Don’t be Mindless, be Mindful.

- 1. **Take Inventory:** Be informed of lyrics, imagery, and agendas being pushed.
- 2. **Set Boundaries:** Know your limits of what influences you from Christ and not Christ.
- 3. **Create Accountability:** Allow people to know what you consume, especially children and parents.

Question #5 *What practical steps do you take to discern whether the media you consume aligns with your faith? How do you apply Philipians 4:8 in your daily life?*

Question #6 *Romans 12:2 warns against conforming to the world. In what areas do you struggle with this? How can your community group support you in standing firm?*

Takeaway: I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it. But because by it I see everything else. (C.S. Lewis)