



## No Growth - Television 1

**And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather prove them.**

*Ephesians 5:11*

**Touch** ----- Colossian 2:21  
**Eyes** ----- Psalms 119:37  
**Learn** ----- 2 Timothy 3:7  
**Ears** ----- Job 15:21  
**Vexation** ----- Ecclesiastes 1:14  
**Idea** ----- Ephesians 5:4  
**Sleep** ----- Proverbs 6:10  
**Idle, Idol** ----- Proverbs 19:15  
**Obsession** ---- 1 John 2:15-16  
**Neglect** ----- Galatians 16:7

Television, in reality, is a capable electronic device that allows the user to view, hear, and learn. The external output of this device to the internal of the participant is the concern. Television can give users concepts. Watching this electronic device can create good ideas and bad ones for the viewer. The choice is entirely up to them. Television will shape us to live clean or live in filth, influence us to speak properly or communicate disorderly, help us to conduct ourselves respectfully or behave disrespectfully. Television could make us lazy. Watching so much TV could minimize our progress in life because it tends to consume our time if we allow it. Especially during the nighttime. The combo of a late-night meal and television could bring on unexpected sleep we did not plan. Sometimes we have other things we

intended to do but decided on doing it later. The only problem we never get around to doing it because slumber came on us unawares and we miss out.

Television has the potential to create a laid-back mentality and not pursue endeavors to improve our life. If we love particular programs such as sports, sitcoms, soap operas, and other similar series that are continual may hamper our overall life progress. It might not take an effect immediately but as time elapses, then eventually some of us realize or others within our environment, that our progress is slow and at times stagnant until we find ourselves in need.

Television can be an obsession. The enticing thing about TV is you never know what program will grab your heart. The only way to know is when you're watching. There could be a movie or show we like or relate to and it gets us to the core and has a lasting effect on us. This is dangerous because the next time it comes on, we may prioritize this program over everything else. The attraction of the show or whatever passion we have for that specific one has so much significance to us and the evil one knows that too. It may be a character, the setting, style, voice, a figure, or everything as a whole. The bottom line is it got us hooked and we may or may not care because we are enjoying it.

Television has the potential for users to be private. Sometimes there is a particular show where they do not want anyone around them or stay quiet so they can focus on what they are viewing. Shh! Be quiet! Can't you see I'm watching! The typical response of a user in a deep concentration of their show. If there are too many favorite shows where our behavior surfaces like that, then we may often find ourselves on an island from everyone else when we watch.

Television is not bad really, only if you let it. It just sits there and waits until we watch. Then as we watch, it begins to watch us. Television tells us to keep watching.

