



No Growth - Movies

**I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes;
I hate the work of them that turn aside; it
shall not cleave to me.**

Psalms 101:3

Message --- Philippians 4:8

Occupy ---- Galatians 5:19-21

View ----- Psalms 11:5

Images -----Colossians 3:5

Eyes/Ears -- Proverbs 20:12

Sounds - 1 Corinthians 14:7

Why do we watch movies? Entertainment. Today it is common for people to find amusing films that may contain violence, sexual immorality, sensuality, pornography, acts of perversion, and evil of all kinds to gratifying the lust and desires of the flesh. Movies may come through books, magazines, television, cinema, videos, and the internet, every imaginable form of evil dramatized and made available for young and old consumers alike. *We will never adequately understand why movies impact people unless we recognize their underlying conviction that Satan is the deity of this world. The evil one and his powers control the present evil age. Movies of all kinds influence both godly and ungodly if we allow them. However, the direct control of the ungodly industry is predominantly by sinful, evil, and cruel people. Through these ungodly movies, they intend to control the viewers and separate them from God.*

All movies bring forth a message. To experience God's peace and freedom from anxiety, believers must fix their minds on those things that are true, noble, right, and pure. To

do these things, the God of peace shall be with you. However, the consequence of fixing our minds on the unholy things of the world is that the joy of God's nearness and peace is lost, and our hearts unguarded. Movies, whether it is an action, adventure, comedy, crime, drama, fantasy, history, horror, musical, mystery, romance, sci-fi, or war, it does carry substance that may affect the mind and the heart. The degree of impact depends on what our interests may be to determine that.

The information in the movie intends to influence the consumer to adopt the way it portrays. To initiate the person watching to the point they embrace the show and become a fan. To eventually change their way of thinking and live that way. "You are what you watch" means the more the individual consumes, the more the devil deceives them into that lifestyle. We live sort of a movie in a sense because if we monitor something that attracts our attention long enough to our inner core, we can become it.

All movies are time-consuming. The consumer who decides on the type of film to watch may experience physical and spiritual consequences. We are not talking about live violent activity while watching a show, but something more of an internal-external impact. For example, if an individual decides to watch a horror movie, it might be a bit scary but nothing we are not unfamiliar with because it is a show where actors and actresses act out. However, the scenes of darkness and horrific content may attract evil spirits that could hinder the consumer's dreams and cause the person to be emotionally and physically fearful, especially at night.

Believers should not waste their free time merely serving themselves in this area. Most movies have the capability of alluring the flesh to sin. Depending on the feature, such adult films with love scenes could tempt the married into Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and lasciviousness. Other movies with money, riches, and live shows may lead a believer into Idolatry. The movies entice the flesh to fight against our spirit and potentially lead us to shut ourselves out of the kingdom of God by engaging in these practices.

All movies distort our view. Since God is righteous and holy, he hates the action of

those who participate in violence or enjoy being entertained by it. Therefore believers must exercise caution concerning the entertainment media and examine themselves to determine whether they take pleasure in and relish the portrayal of violence and bloodshed. Movies create an opportunity for the flesh to react ungodly, contaminating our soul, mind, and body.

Watch what you watch. Those who live in sin and wickedness, and who not only do injury to the persons, characters, and properties of men, but love it, and delight therein, and also take pleasure in them that do the same: this God has a continued and inward aversion to; sin and wickedness being the awful thing His righteous soul hates: and He shows His hatred to them, by not chastising them now, as he does his people, but reserving everlasting punishment for them hereafter. What leads an individual to this point in their life? The answer is the pattern they tend to look at or search for determines where they are coming from and where they are going.

Movies can create models that may impede our well-being. Consumers watching these films could fall into Idolatry. What is Idolatry? Among other things is allowing material in the show or people who portray in these movies to be the focus of one's desires and values. Money replaces Christ as our master. Movies that show money or crime films that involve people taking from others could develop a mentality of exercising such activity: Villians in a motion picture are an attraction that often young people tend to admire.

Today, people tend to find various ways to create an identity. To fit in this world and be or do better with themselves than how they feel now. Some individuals will resort to finding ideas in videos or movies and start improving with that material. Unfortunately, they endanger themselves going in this direction because evil spirits are behind these things, and people do not realize it. How? If a person tends to mimic something they watch or see and cannot stop or come out of it, there is evidence to support what is really behind it. How do we understand movies? We watch with our eyes and hear with our ears. The Creator designed humans with the ability to both see and hear. We have more than one

way to obtain knowledge: we need to pursue truth in all forms and from all means. How a person interprets what they perceive to be significant depends on them. It is also good to carefully consider what a person exposes their senses to in the first place. A person can look at good things or evil. We can listen to what is uplifting or to what's morally destructive.

The eyes are the window of our soul, and the ears are the doors to our heart. These are the two paths for movies to enter human beings. The eyes of the inner man are the "eye gate," while the ears are the "ear gate." What we look at and what we listen could help us or hurt us. Movies have the potential to corrupt the whole being between these two senses.

Movies can fatally affect us through audio. The motion pictures are disturbing, and the sound is distracting that feed the flesh.

Take away the pictures, and the consumer could still hear the sound. Before television came into existence, the radio was an entertainment outlet. What is said is more understandable than pictures. A picture to the eye is a thousand words, but the words give the whole idea of what it is all about.

Today, people follow the style with the sounds of talk and particular sayings that make an impression in the community. There are recent expressions like calling someone "bro" instead of their name. Other notables are what's up replaces hi or hello. These gestures tend to make consumers mimic the way of life of the actors or actresses they watch in the movies and adapt the carnal way. They say action speaks louder than words, but words dictate the activity.

Movies have changed many lives in directions away from God, serving things that hold no eternal value. The common phrase is "the show must go on," but we do not have to embrace and follow where it leads to everlasting destruction. Movies spell two words which are "I" and "moves." Are they a coincidence? Only God knows. However, there are two ways we can go: either I move with God or the other direction: Movies.