

**The Battle for Hearts and Minds**  
**Holiness and Media**

## **Living out Holiness in our media intake**

“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:21-22

What do you observe about the commands in these verses?

“Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” 2 cor. 10:5

“Get rid of all moral filth” James 1:21-22

“Purify yourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit” 2 Cor. 7:1

“Be holy yourselves in all your behavior” 1 Peter 1:15

“Make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.” Romans 13:14

### **7 Rationalizations that can keep us from living out holiness**

1. I know a lot of committed \_\_\_\_\_ who watch it and they’re fine.

“... but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.” 2 Cor. 10:12 ,1 Peter 1:15

2. Let’s live by \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age” Titus 2:11-12, Jude 4

3. Taking in unholy media doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ me. 1 Cor. 15:33,James 1:21-22,Gal 6:7-8

4. We need to watch some \_\_\_\_\_ media to be relevant and relatable. 1 Samuel 15:22, 1 Cor. 9:19-23.

5. I’m afraid I will be \_\_\_\_\_ if I adopt God’s standards. John 10:10

6. I don’t want to come across as \_\_\_\_\_ than thou. Gal. 1:10, Prov. 15:2,1 Peter 2:10,

7. You can’t live out the standard \_\_\_\_\_ so why try? Heb. 12:4

### **Steps to walk in holiness**

1. Confess and \_\_\_\_\_ unholy media.

“He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.” Prov. 28:13

James 1:21

“Get rid of all moral filth”

If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. “If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell. Matt. 5:29-30

Are you willing to hold your media collection (DVD’s, music,etc.) up to the light of God’s Word?

2. Set \_\_\_\_\_ for the media you will and won't consume based on God's Word.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of media before you digest it. 1 Tim. 4:7-8  
[www.pluggedinonline.com](http://www.pluggedinonline.com)  
[www.screenit.com](http://www.screenit.com)

4. Teach these truths to \_\_\_\_\_.

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice *it*, and to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel.” Ezra 7:10 (Matt. 5:19)

How will you apply these truths to your life?