

So I would take each DVD, compare it to God's Word, and if it did not measure up to it, I would destroy it. Guess how many DVD's I have in my house today?

**NONE.** Movies are teaching a different Gospel. **Which Gospel do we prefer?**

2 Cor. 3:18 tells us, "*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*"

By beholding the glory of God we are changed into the same image-- into the image of the glory of God. If we are changed into the image of the glory of God by beholding God, into what image are we changed if we behold sin?

#### **-The Image of SIN-**

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**full of darkness, whereas looking at good things makes us to be full of light.**

Consider John 12:46, "*I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*"

Jesus says He is the light and that those who really believe in Him will not look at evil things, they will not abide in darkness.

John 3:19 adds, "*And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*"

Here we see that some prefer to live in darkness rather than to follow Christ, because they enjoy darkness. We saw in **Romans 1:32** that even Christians

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#### **Hours in a Day**

Looking at the hours of a day we realize that there are *only* 24 hours per day.

These 24 hours are all we get in a day to do what we want or need to do.

Starting with the things we have to do, let's take a look at how the average person spends his/her day. Sleeping takes about 8 hours, while work also takes 8 hours.

This leaves us with just 8 hours left.

The preparation and eating of meals we can divide into, Morning = 1 hour; Afternoon = 30 Minutes and the Evening = 1 hour. Bathing or showering takes about 30 minutes.

We are left with a total of 5 hours for ourselves each day. How do we spend those hours?

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*full of envy, **murder, debate,** deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, **haters of God,** despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, **disobedient to parents,** Without understanding, **covenantbreakers,** without natural affection, implacable, **unmerciful:** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

Firstly, we see that there are **people who do not want to know God**, then a **list of various sins**. It continues to say "*Who knowing the judgment of God*",

What is the judgment of God?  
"*They which commit such things (sins) are worthy of death*"

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If we say we love Jesus, yet we walk in darkness, if we find pleasure in looking at others sinning, Jesus says we lie, we don't really love Him.

Ephesians 5:11 warns, "*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*"

Friends, let's look at **Romans 1:28-32** again. To retain God in your knowledge you should be learning each day about God; without God the list of sins follow. Look at the list given, do we know movies or programs on TV that include *Fornication, covetousness, murder, debate, children who are disobedient to their parents, people who hate God, people who break God's covenant,*

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*killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.*" 2 Samuel 12:9

David, by looking at something which was not supposed to be looked at, ended up being an adulterer and a murderer. Even Jesus talks about this in Matthew:

"*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*" Matt. 5:27-28

If we look at a woman thinking about sleeping with her, God knows if given the opportunity we would do it. So it is clear that by looking at sin it can affect

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#### **Is Studying the Bible Important?**

Job 23:12 states, "*Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.*"

We are to regard God's Word more necessary than our daily food.

In 2 Timothy 2:15 we find the command, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*"

And 1 Peter 3:15 adds, "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*"

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**But just LOOKING at it is not all that bad, right?**

#### **Well, what did King David say?**

Psalms 101:3 records, "*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.*"

If we hate sin, we will not to look upon sin, otherwise it would cling to us; it would abide and stay with us. We also see here, that King David did not want to look at sin because he hated it. We should not enjoy looking at sin, but hate it. We see that if we look at sin it might affect us. Let's see if we can get that principle somewhere else in the Bible. Lamentations 3:51 says, "*Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.*"

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If we do not study scripture, we won't be ready to give any answers to questions that people might ask us concerning our faith. We won't know what it says in the "word of truth" and we will be ashamed--not being able to show ourselves approved unto God. It's important to study God's words, but we need time to do it. Unfortunately, it seems everybody is using the only time they have to watch TV.

Romans 1:28-32 tells us,  
*"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, **fornication**, wickedness, **covetousness**, maliciousness;*

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commit the sins on that list and have pleasure in looking at the unbelievers committing those sins. We learned that enjoying to look at sin makes us full of darkness. Jesus says He is the light, and that sadly, many prefer to enjoy looking at sin than to follow Him.

*"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."* John 8:12

If we as Christians, claim to love God, we should follow Christ and not walk or love the darkness. We will not have an Evil eye either.

1 John 1:6 says, *"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."*

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According to a study done by the Harvard School of Public Health:  
*"Television (TV) watching is the favorite pastime in the U.S., and it's become the favorite in many other parts of the world, too. After work and sleep, TV viewing is the most commonly reported activity in the U.S., taking up just over half of all leisure time.... In the U.S., people **average about five hours of TV** time each day..."*

Many people even watch TV while eating or taking a bath, so for some, TV watching time could actually be *more* than 5 hours.

As a Christian, several questions arise. Does watching television affect me? Where does God fit in? When do you get time for God? When do you pray? When do you read and study the Bible?

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*or who shows no mercy towards others?*  
There is almost no program left on TV without sin in it. I used to collect Movies, had my own collection, from comedies, action, romance, sci-fi, even cartoons. As I started to study the Word of God I noticed that each DVD is "Preaching" against the Bible. It was speaking against God's commandments. If God said *"Thou shalt not murder"*, the movie would have people killing each other in it. **Why do we even like action films?** It's because we love the action, the killing in it, the murders.

God says the unbelievers do these things, they love darkness but He says there are Christians who like to watch the unbelievers sin. They have pleasure in it.

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Jeremiah's eyes had an influence over his heart.

Scripture says in Acts 8:22, *"Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee."*

The Bible gives us an understanding in regards to what the heart is. It is our mind, whereby we think and where thoughts originate from. So our **thoughts and feelings are affected** by what we look at according to Scripture. **We can see this happening in the life of David.**

2 Samuel 11:2-4 records, *"And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon."*

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*And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house."*

A tide of evil started after he SAW Bathsheba washing herself-- instead of looking away. The Bible says she was very beautiful to look upon. David's thoughts and feelings were affected the moment he saw her bathing herself. He desired her in his thoughts and sent his messengers to go get her, and then he slept with her. The story picks up with the words of the prophet Nathan, *"Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast*

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**Who here on earth knows the Judgment of God? Can people who do not know God, know His judgment?**

NO!

It's talking about Christians.

**Let me paraphrase that part for you:**  
*"Christians who knows the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them"*

We, as Christians, have come to a point where we do what the unbelievers do, we commit the same sins, not just that, but we **enjoy looking at them sinning.**

**So most of us would say 'Ok, so we understand we should not be committing the sins of the unbelievers.**

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our minds to such a degree that we start to have pleasure in looking at sin, which will lead us to commit the sin, not just in our minds but in reality. This is also the case when looking at something which might not be sin but it is not for us to look at. A woman taking a bath is not necessarily sin, but peeking at her through the window is.

That's why Jesus said:  
*"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"* Matt. 6:22-23

Looking at **evil things** or things we are **not supposed to look at** makes us to be

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