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“The Influence of TV”

By: Paul Smithson

There are many things that affect our thinking. This effect on us is called “influence.” Influence is defined as “the power of persons or things to affect others, especially by an indirect means.” The things that we allow to influence our thinking (our heart) are really what determines who we are. “For as he thinks within himself, so he is.” (Proverbs 23:7) There are many corrupting influences in our society, therefore, God warns us to “Watch over our hearts with all diligence.” (Proverbs 4:24)

Satan uses every corrupting influence in this world to affect our heart. If he can influence our thinking he’s got us! The two ways we are influenced indirectly is by what we see and hear. I suppose the easiest way Satan is able to influence people by what they see and hear is through television.

Television is a major part of people’s lives. Ninety-eight per cent of all Americans have at least one TV and we buy over 16 million new ones every year. Today there is free and fee TV. We have sunrise, today, mid-day, afternoon, prime-time, late-night, and

tomorrow programming. I’m not saying that television within itself is evil, just that whatever is a major part of our lives is going to have a great influence on us. Thus, we must be selective in what we allow to enter our hearts. “For as he thinks within himself, so he is.” (Proverbs 23:7)

Jesus said, “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, falsehoods, slanders.” Do people ever see and hear any of these things on TV? In a recent TV Guide I found that 290 movies listed to be aired on cable, only 47 were not described as having Strong language, Adult themes, Nudity, Violence, or Sexual situations. Of the 47, only 18 had been produced in the last two decades. And of those 18, nine were children’s films. The others were mostly documentaries.

Why has TV become so corrupt? Just look behind the scenes. Public Opinion published a survey of 104 of Hollywood’s most influential producers, writers, and executives. The results were that 97% support abortion; over 80% believe homosexuality is not wrong; over 50% do not think adultery is wrong; over 90% seldom or never attend a religious service. Are these people going to be involved in the new program rating system we’ve heard about in the news?

When we continually allow ourselves to be influenced by things which Jesus warned against, our hearts become callused and begin to think nothing of watching and hearing filth. Like those in Jeremiah’s day many no longer “. . . know how to blush . . .” at sin. (Jeremiah 8:12) Do you blush at sin? Does it bother you to hear and see nudity, sex, and profanity? Some might blush if they were out in public, but many do not when they see it right in their own living room.

Some say, “When the adult shows come on we send the children to bed.” Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3) If a show is not fit for a child to watch, it is not fit for a child of God to watch.

If we want to one day see God we must strive to “Watch over our hearts with all diligence.” (Proverbs 23:7); for Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

What is most important to you?

The way we live our lives sometimes it's really hard to tell. We seem to focus on "our things" more than the people closest to us.

There are numerous stories on TV and in the Reader's Digest about people who have been near death. When those people are trapped, one way or another, and hope is about gone, of what to do they think most? I've never seen or read about one who thought of his wide screen TV, his SUV, his house or any material thing that seemed important before. They always think of their families, husband, wife or kids. It is never about "things."

We know these meaningless things can easily be replaced. We can't replace our families. Life seems to be that way. We never know how important someone is until we are about to lose them, or after we have lost them. Something that should be most important to us is our soul, where will we spend it, with God or eternal destruction. We seem to go along with it like we do the unimportant things. We'll think about that later, another day, a more convenient time. It may not work out that way for us. We may come to a sudden death instead of a near death. We may not get a second chance.

We sing this song quite often, "There's A Great Day Coming" by Will L. Thompson. The first two verses tell us about a great day and a bright day. However, the last verse is about a sad day. A day when we haven't readied our soul for a judgment. How sad that will be if we aren't ready.

We don't want to be like the foolish virgins in the parable by Jesus in Matthew. They were not ready. The door was shut!

Maybe we have come to a point in our lives where we know exactly what is important to us. We are ready for the great Day. Now the importance must be in helping someone else be ready for that Day.

We don't want the door shut on us because we did not help someone else!

Remember Our Sick

Doris Karnes Bachand – Pat and Becky's cousin has been diagnosed with cancer.

Treatments not recommended. Her family really needs your prayers.

Lloyd Boley – Lawrence Boley's brother, had surgery Monday, February 14th. Mass removed, hoping for a benign report.

Donna Gail Brewer – Robert and Juanita Bird's niece, diagnosed with ovarian cancer, has started chemo treatments.

Wanda Dickerson – John Clark's mother, having test on February 24th at Arkansas Heart Hospital.

Robert Estridge – Pauline Dale's nephew, brain tumor diagnoses.

Thelma Hatcher – second eye surgery re-scheduled for March 3rd.

John Myers – Tests showed no cancer in other parts of his body. Cancer tumor in lung very small. Will start radiation and chemo treatments

Linda Smith – Cara Williams' mother, home recovering from gall bladder surgery she had on Tuesday, Feb. 8th.

J. C. Thompson – diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Faye Williams – Roxanna Shoptaw's sister, no biopsy, referred to a specialist that will see her in three months to recommend treatment.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. All live in the Dover Area.

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter Arcynski, Luella Bellomo, Lawrence Boley, William and Susie Boley, Bernice Brown, John Clark, Jeff Davis, Barbara Dawson, Evelyn Driver, Harriet Foot, Charles and Leota Hickey, Bob and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, Joe Miller, Sandra Mooney, Shirley Pavatt, Teresa Phillips, Henry and Edna Smith, Esther Sparks, Gordon Roughton, Juanita Townsend, Pauline Whorton, Harold and Mildred Turner, David and Betty Walters, and Donald Walters.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson.

Special Children: Zachary Shelton, Keith Martin and Noah Williams

"The Will of God"

Author Unknown

Remember . . .

The will of God will never take you . .

Where the grace of God cannot keep you,
Where the arms of God cannot support you,
Where riches of God cannot supply your needs,
Where the power of God cannot endow you.

The will of God will never take you . .

Where the spirit of God cannot work through you,
Where the wisdom of God cannot teach you,
Where the army of God cannot protect you,
Where the hands of God cannot mold you.

The will of God will never take you . .

Where the love of God cannot enfold you,
Where the mercy of God cannot sustain you,
Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears,
Where the authority of God cannot overrule for you.

The will of God will never take you . .

Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears,
Where the Word of God cannot feed you,
Where the miracles of God cannot be done for you,
Where the omnipresence of God cannot find you.

**From "Sisters of the Heart"
West Side Church of Christ Ladies
February 2005**

Military: John Allen, Jeremy Carter, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon, Chris Pearson, Tom Pickle, Terry Robinson, Adam Schrepfer and Rudy Will.

Events

“WINGS”
(Ladies from West Side
Church of Christ)

February 17th
thru
May 5th, 2005
Every Thursday
9:00 – 11:30 AM

Beth Moore Series -
“Seeking a heart like
God through the study
of David”

Ladies Day 2005
Saturday, March 12th
Registration: 8:30 AM
Program will begin at 9:00 AM

Downtown Church of Christ
100 W. Church Street
Morrilton, AR

“Just Do It!”
Featuring: Judy Ragsdale
From: Montgomery, TX
Phone: 501-354-2323
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@churchofchristdowntown.org

Lunch will be provided
All Ladies Invited!

Mark Your Calendars

Men’s Business
Meeting
7:00 PM, March 7th
Dover Church of
Christ

Men’s Devotional
7:00 PM, March 10th
Dover Church of
Christ

Ladies Night
7:00 PM, March 24th
Hostess: Diane Walters
Pine Hill Rd., Dover

MEALS ON WHEELS

March 21st thru 25th
Monday thru Friday
Dover Church of Christ

LADIES DAY
Saturday, March 12th
Church of Christ
Mars Hill, AR

Registration: 9:30-10:00 AM
Classes: 10:00 AM-12:30PM
Lunch Provided

Theme: “According to the Pattern”
Hebrews 8:5

MARCH **Birthdays**

02	Kelly Williams
03	Bryan Bates Keaton Creel Rick Hollis
06	Timothy Bushea
07	Harold Turner Colton Williams
08	Adam Land Dylan Williams
09	Christopher McGuire
13	Matthew Moss
17	Jim Killer
18	Ryan Whiteside
21	William Boley
22	Alan Herron
25	Blake Brown
27	Mike Creel Jessalyn Davis Wilma Johnson Shelby Statler
28	Kaeli Miller

OOPS! We missed Zachary
Shelton’s Birthday! His
birthday was February 15th,
with a birthday party,
Saturday February 19th!

If we missed your birthday,
***please* let us know so it won’t**
happen again.

DOVER CHURCH
OF CHRIST LADIES
Host Luncheon
March 16th
CCSC, ATU

THOSE TO SERVE

February 27, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

1st: Dennis Whiteside
2nd: Donnie Forehand

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Troy Curtis
William Boley
Doug Wilson
Sid Womack

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Youth of
Dover Church of Christ

Prepare Table for Communion

John and Carrie Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

Earl Kennedy
Jim Killer

Greeters

James and Shirlye Chadwick

**Wednesday Night
Devotional**

March 2, 2005

Rex McDaniel

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Patsy Wisbrock

Sunday Service: Patsy Wisbrock

Wednesday Class: Pat McAlister

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