



Wise Choices in a Media-Saturated World



Explore how teens can honor God by making wise entertainment choices, staying pure in media consumption, and guarding their hearts in today's culture.

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Introduction

As a teen navigating a world filled with endless media options, it's easy to be influenced by what you watch, listen to, and share. From music and movies to social media and online content, the messages you take in shape your attitudes, values, and even your identity. *But the good news is you don't have to be a passive consumer.* You can be intentional and wise about the media you engage with, making choices that honor God and reflect your faith.

Throughout this three-day study, we'll explore biblical wisdom that helps you discern between what is wholesome and what can harm your spiritual growth. You'll learn how to protect your heart and mind from messages that conflict with God's truth, and how to use media in a way that uplifts and encourages you and those around you.

Remember, the Bible teaches us to "fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2) and to "set our minds on things above" (Colossians 3:2). This means filling your life with content that points you every day to God's goodness and love. Let's dive in and discover how to wisely navigate the world of music, movies, and online content while standing firm in your faith.





Day 1: 🎧 Understanding Media's Influence



Your Verse

Proverbs 4:23: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—think about such things."*
- *Psalms 101:3: "I will not look with approval on anything that is vile."*



Devotional: Guard Your Heart in Media Choices

Media and entertainment are powerful influencers. What you watch and listen to repeatedly shapes your thoughts, emotions, and behavior. That's why Proverbs 4:23 challenges us with a crucial principle: "Above all else, guard your heart." Your heart is the center of your being, where your beliefs and desires live. If you fill it with harmful or negative messages, those will spill out into your words and actions.

Think about the last song or show you enjoyed. Did it lift you up or bring confusion and negativity? *Philippians 4:8* helps us evaluate by asking: *Is it true? Noble? Right? Pure? Lovely?* If the content doesn't measure up to these standards, it's wise to turn away. Protecting your heart means being selective and intentional about your media choices.

Psalms 101:3 says, "I will not look with approval on anything that is vile." This verse reminds us that setting boundaries helps keep our hearts and minds pure. It's okay to say no to certain types of entertainment because it honors God and your own wellbeing.

Today, reflect on how media has influenced you lately. Are you guarding your heart well? Choose to be proactive in the media you consume so you can grow closer to God, not further away.



Reflect and Apply

1. What kinds of messages do the media you consume send to your heart and mind?

2. In what ways have you noticed media influencing your mood or behavior?

3. How can you practice vigilance in protecting your heart from harmful content?



Journaling Prompts

1. List the types of media you engage with daily and their potential impact on your heart.

2. Write about a time when a song or show deeply affected your emotions or thoughts.

3. Describe one concrete step you can take today to guard your heart better.



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Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for reminding me to guard my heart above all else. Help me to be wise and discerning about the music, movies, and online content I consume. Guide me to choose what is pure, lovely, and honoring to You. Protect me from messages that can harm or confuse my heart and mind. Fill me with Your truth and peace so that my thoughts reflect Your goodness each day. I surrender my media choices to You. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🎵📱🙏✨





Day 2: 🎥 Choosing Entertainment That Honors God



Your Verse

Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*
- *1 Corinthians 10:31: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*



Devotional: Honor God Through Your Entertainment

Entertainment is not just about fun—it's also a spiritual decision. Colossians 3:17 reminds us that whatever we do, including what we watch and listen to, should be done in the name of Jesus. This means that our entertainment choices should reflect our faith and values.

Romans 12:2 challenges us not to conform to the world's patterns but to be transformed by renewing our minds. Media often reflects the world's values, which might clash with God's truths. Before watching a movie or listening to a song, ask yourself: Does this draw me closer to God or distract me from Him? Is it renewing my mind or feeding worldly thoughts?

1 Corinthians 10:31 encourages us to do everything for God's glory—including how we spend our free time. By intentionally selecting entertainment that uplifts, challenges, or encourages you in your faith, you honor God with your choices.

Today, invite God to be your guide in choosing what you watch and listen to. Remember, your entertainment options can become a powerful testimony of your love for Jesus to others.



Day 2: 📺 Choosing Entertainment That Honors God

Reflect and Apply

1. How do your current entertainment choices reflect your relationship with God?

2. Are there certain types of media you feel called to avoid or embrace more?

3. In what ways can your entertainment inspire others to see God's goodness?



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Journaling Prompts

1. Write down three entertainment choices that honor God and why.

2. Reflect on a time when media helped you feel closer to God or learn more about Him.

3. Set a personal entertainment goal that aligns with honoring God this week.



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Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for inviting me to do everything in Your name. Help me to choose entertainment that honors You and renews my mind. Show me how to discern what glorifies You and what doesn't. May my activities reflect my faith and be a light to others. Strengthen me to resist worldly influences and instead fill my heart with things that point to You. *Guide me every day.*

Amen. 🎬 🙏 ✨ 🎵





Day 3: ✨ Living Out Media Wisdom Daily



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Your Verse

Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Ephesians 5:15-16: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity."*
- *Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before others... that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*



Devotional: Let God's Word Guide Your Media Habits

Wisdom in media choices is a daily journey, not a one-time decision. Psalm 119:105 tells us that God's Word lights our path and guides our steps. When it comes to media, turning to Scripture as a guide helps us make choices that honor God and lead to spiritual growth.

Ephesians 5:15-16 urges us to be careful and wise in how we live, making the most out of every opportunity. This includes opportunities to choose what to watch, listen to, and share online. By applying biblical wisdom, you can avoid pitfalls and make your media consumption productive and uplifting.

Matthew 5:16 encourages us to let our light shine before others through good deeds—including how we present ourselves in the media we share or consume. Your choices impact not just you but those around you. When you live wisely, you become a positive influence and bring glory to God.

Today, commit to daily seeking God's guidance through Scripture as you navigate media. Remember that each choice is a chance to reflect God's light in a world hungry for truth and love.



Reflect and Apply

1. How can God's Word serve as a filter for your daily media choices?

2. What practical habits can you develop to live wisely in a media-driven culture?

3. How does your media consumption impact your ability to shine God's light to others?



Day 3: ✨ Living Out Media Wisdom Daily

Journaling Prompts

1. Write a prayer asking God to help you apply His Word to your media habits.

2. List three practical steps you will take to make wiser entertainment choices.

3. Reflect on how your media use can serve as a testimony to your faith.



Day 3: ✨ Living Out Media Wisdom Daily

Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for Your Word that lights my path in every area of life. Help me to live wisely and carefully in a world filled with many media voices. Guide my daily choices to honor You and reflect Your light to those around me. Strengthen me to make the most of every opportunity to grow in faith and influence others positively. May my media consumption be a tool for good, not harm. In Jesus' name, Amen. 📖💡🙏✨





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