

## GOD'S HOLY WORD VS HOLLYWOOD

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I don't think that I have to tell you that our world is in a mess. And in my opinion, one of the reasons for the mess that our world is in is because the church has remained silent too long and instead of standing out and making a difference in our world, most Christians have just blended in with the world and become more worldly instead of helping to make the world more Godly.

Where the church once influenced culture, it has now relinquished its influence to the culture. Heroes of the faith have been replaced by heroes of entertainment. We have forgotten the words of our church fathers and started listening to the words of politicians, athletes and actors.

Christian families have gradually abandoned biblical values and principles and started embracing worldly beliefs and a tolerance of sin.

Ps 101:2-3 I will be careful to live a blameless life —I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar.

Every day we are surrounded with opportunities to compromise our integrity. Television is an obvious culprit. So is the internet, which is a one click and there it is temptation.

Although television has gradually but powerfully eroded our morals over the past decades, the potential influence of the internet is virtually limitless. With smart phones and laptops and other personal devices, people can privately see what they want when they want it without being discovered or censored.

Even in the Christian community, media is a controlling influence and in many cases it is killing families by the millions.

The media trap does not kill Christians overnight; it is a slow gradual undermining that usually goes undetected until the damage is done.

Rom 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

Do you want to know God's will for you? Do you want to know what is good and pleasing and perfect in the sight of God? The place to find that is in the Word of God, not in movies from Hollywood!

It doesn't matter what Hollywood says is acceptable, what matters is what does the Word of God say is acceptable. The body of Christ should never submit to the standards of Hollywood. Hollywood is not our leader. God's Holy Word is the place we look to for guidance and direction.