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What does the Bible say about....? Music and Entertainment?

By Marc Weber

We are living in a time where there is greater pressure to be part of concerts and other forms of entertainment and it is a good opportunity for all of us to be reminded of what God's word says about the things we set before our eyes and ears and the places and environments we choose to put ourselves in.

Although the beat and the style of a particular genre of music may appeal to us, there are things that we really need to consider first. What image does the music represent? What is being said in the lyrics? What kinds of emotions does it bring out in us – aggression or negativity? Does it lead to thoughts that are contrary to God's word?

Almost all of these hard or heavy rock style concerts involve the people who are under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. A good question to ask ourselves before contemplating going to something like this is: would we be comfortable inviting Jesus Christ to see it with us?

We can all find ourselves at times humming along to a tune because it's "catchy". However, when we stop and actually listen to what is being said, and the context in which it is being said, more often than not it can be anti-Christian in nature.

1 Corinthians 15:33 tells us to *"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."*

Over 2300 years ago, Aristotle spoke about music and its ability to communicate the emotional states of people: *"Music directly imitates the passions or states of the soul...when one listens to music that imitates a certain passion, he becomes imbued with the same passion; and if over a long time he habitually listens to music that rouses ignoble passions, his whole character will be shaped to an ignoble form."*

Philippians 4:8 also encourages us to channel our thoughts and minds to dwell on the things that are *"true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

When we deliberately choose to place ourselves in an environment where the people around us are glorying in the world and the things of the flesh, we will find it very difficult to be thinking about the things that are *"of good report"*.

It is not only ourselves we should be mindful of. God requires that we diligently consider the example we are setting for others.

Many rock and pop stars, present and past, have such a large following and influence that people wish to imitate their dress, appearance and lifestyle. In many ways they are worshipped as idols. It is good for us to be reminded that God speaks very clearly about idol worship, that anyone looking to be obedient to God should have no part in the making or worshipping of idols.

There is much more that we could continue to look at regarding the subject of entertainment, music and the standard God wants us to uphold as His children.

We know that each and every one of us needs to be *aware* and *alert* in the times in which we live so that we can *earnestly contend for the faith*. Perhaps the best advice and direction for enjoying and participating in music was given by Paul the apostle in Ephesians chapter 5 *"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."*

What's happening in..? Whyalla

Our New Year started off with a farewell to Tully Wickstein who has moved on to Uni in Adelaide. He is doing well and fully involved in the Adelaide fellowship.

In February we welcomed a new brother Jeff Harvey and his young son Joel. Jeff received the Holy Spirit in February after attending a few meetings. He is thrilled with his experience and is very keen to tell everyone. In April we welcomed a new sister Joy Kaminski, she had previously received the spirit and has now been baptised.

All those who attended the Adelaide Leadership camp came home thoroughly uplifted and with many testimonies and talks to share with our fellowship.

We had a great Easter camp at Hawker with the Port Pirie assembly and some Adelaide brethren joining us. It was an excellent weekend of entertainment with plenty of uplifting talks and testimonies.



The evening meetings brought great fun and laughter to the camp with home grown skits and the unique entertainment of Barry Cross.

Pastor Mark and his wife Jenny organised a fun day for us all on Saturday afternoon with games like tug of war and the old egg and spoon race. It was a great afternoon with lots of fun and laughs.

Whilst we were all at camp our Young People's leader Luke Howell and his wife Rhiannon were celebrating the birth of their first child Ariana, who was born on the Easter weekend. We are all looking forward to seeing her growing up in the ways of the Lord.

The gospel is going out with good results from inviting new people into our homes.

Five new people attended a recent assembly barbeque at a sister's house (1 prayed to receive) and 2 new people attended lunch in another home. Many saints were involved which made both events very successful in getting the word out.

Our Young People recently had an outreach especially to invite friends to a Saturday evening Young People's meeting. It was a great night resulting in 1 person praying to receive the Holy Spirit.

TO READ FOR YOURSELF

ROMANS
Chapter 8

1 CORINTHIANS
Chapter 14

Testimonies of God's power



Grant
Mills

"I was healed of an ice addiction"

When I was by myself at home, I said to God "If this is real, fill me with the Holy Spirit" and I started speaking in tongues. It was just amazing!

I completely quit the drugs there and then, with no withdrawals. I've actually changed so, so much. I'm free, I don't drink, I don't smoke, I don't swear any more, and I'm happily married.



Shirley
Woodhouse

"My drug addiction was healed at baptism"

I was a drug addict who worshipped dead Hindu idols. When I was prayed for at my first meeting I received the Holy Spirit and knew Jesus was alive.

I got healed in the baptism tank of bulimia, a 3 year LSD drug addiction, drinking and smoking. All without any withdrawal symptoms, and I now have a wonderful new life in Christ!

Teens Camp 2012

By Chris Kernahan

Teens Camp is one of the first activities placed in the assembly calendar. The theme this year was Good and Evil, with the theme scripture of Isaiah 5:20.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and put sweet for bitter!

It was held over five days with 296 people booking into camp on day one, demonstrating the keenness and priority the saints place on Teens Camp.

A time of new found opportunities, a chance to start again, invite new people, an environment to grow and learn together. It's a hive of activity where the best qualities of unity, our fellowship and the work of the Lord are on display.

The teams rally together in the day, young and old, new and seasoned campaigners all join forces to win camp but don't let the chants, war cries, games and noise fool you into thinking this is the main purpose. Behind those actions is the true meaning of camp.....

Over the years Teens Camp has witnessed young brothers giving their first talks, brothers and sisters starting their walks, first time testimonies, spiritual gifts, chorus leading, serving, while others are learning what it is like to make a stand and to be a witness at school.

At night the teens go back to their "digs" for devotion time, sharing testimonies, past mistakes, valuable lessons learnt, healing testimonies and create a wonderful atmosphere listening and gaining new found confidence in the Lord.

In closing Teens Camp is a great place to serve the Lord and to His people, it's a blessing waiting for you. So who's coming to Kids Camp?!!



Coming up

June 2012

01 - 04	Thailand Camp
02 - 03	Poole (UK) outreach
09 - 11	NSW Rally in Sydney getanswers.net.au
09 - 11	Ballarat Outreach
29 Jun - 02 Jul	Swiss Mini-Convention in Bern
30 Jun - 01 Jul	North Queensland Rally

Baptisms in April



*Acts 10:47
Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*

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Meeting Times

Sunday	1:30pm	
Sunday	4:15pm	
Tuesday	7:30pm	(Kingswood & Gawler)
Wednesday	7:30pm	(Elizabeth Vale & Woodcroft)
GAWLER		14 th Street, Elderly Centre
ELIZABETH VALE		45 John Rice Ave
KINGSWOOD		25 Belair Rd, Vogue Theatre
WOODCROFT		255 Pimpala Rd

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