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After what I learned about a recent movie called Avengers Infinity War (2018 – reference <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4154756/>) which there is right out mockery on Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ (That's right, the movie mocks the Lord Jesus Christ, who BTW is me and my Brother Jason's God and Savior). Not only this is needed to be investigated but exposed and rebuked so all believers can understand what this is all about and not patronize the works of darkness which has the potential of grossing 2 Billion U.S. Dollars!

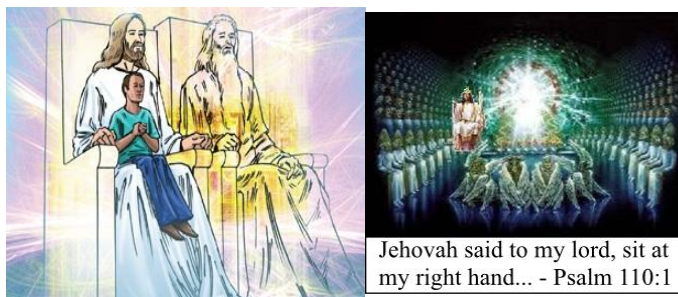
What also MUST be addressed to the Body of Christ, Bible Believing Christians, Preachers, Pastors, Bible Teachers, etc. is should we be even watching and listening to these types of movies and other “entertainment” where Almighty God & His Only Begotten Son the Lord Jesus Christ are mocked, cursed, insulted, blasphemed and ridiculed. In this Second Edition of this Blog Article which the last time I titled “Video Games; Are They Biblical? Also, Television in 2017” I changed the title to “Going to the Movies and Video Games; Are They Biblical? Also, Television and other Media Devices in 2018”

In the movie, the scene that triggered this article was one of the characters says “who's your master?” and the other character says “what do you expect me to say Jesus or something?” and he says Jesus' name with a face of outrage and disgust.

I found the script online

(https://www.springfieldspringfield.co.uk/movie_script.php?movie=avengers-infinity-war)

The script has: Let me ask you this one time... What master do you serve? What master do I serve? Am I supposed to say Jesus?



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Let us see what the Scriptures say about the character's statement "Am I suppose to say Jesus?" and about "masters"

- **Mark 8:38** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.
- **Luke 9:26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.
- **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

In regard to "masters", you cannot serve 2 masters

- **Luke 16:13** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- **Matthew 6:24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

If you are not serving God you are serving the world!

- **1 John 2:15** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Giving money to these masters while you should be using your resources to take care of your family and support your local church and ministries of choice as souls slip into eternity every second!

This movie has lots of profanity that I will not waste the space here to show the many phrases and words said in the movie, we all as Bible Believing Christians are not to use that kind of filth and rot!

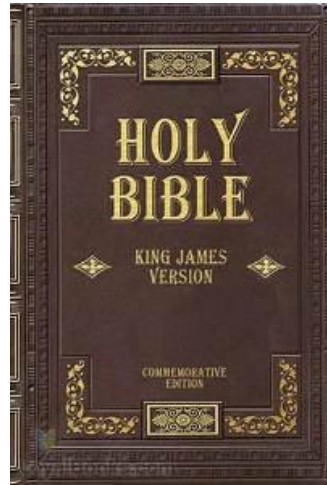
- **Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
- **Colossians 3:8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- **Philemon 1:6** That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

NUDITY: Some cleavage bearing outfits are worn by female characters, and there are some shirtless males.

SEX: Three scenes include brief kissing.

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This attacks the sanctity of Marriage:

- Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Dress modestly! The Apostle of the Gentiles and the Apostle of Israel both had something to say about this issue!

- 1 Timothy 2:9 – 10
9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;
10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.
- 1 Peter 3:3 – 5
3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.
5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

While doing my research, I found this on a forum;

“The movie caused people to laugh and commit blasphemy against God. There was a scene where one of the characters says who's your master and the other character says what do you expect me to say Jesus or something and he says Jesus' name with a face of outrage and disgust. The whole theater roared in laughter but do they not get they are mocking God's position as master and savior like he's some insignificant thing. I was angry. It's an Anti-Christ spirit.”

You can really see the anti-Christian agenda gaining momentum these days & we need to preach against it and not patronize them in any way and not use your resources for their financial gain.

Let's now look at the Occult: I won't mention the character nor give that character any glory, there are Occult magical powers.

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God clearly warns against such practices in many Bible verses. Some reasons the Scriptures warn against engaging in any form of the occult:

- We are opening ourselves up to spirits other than God's.
- We are not looking to God and the Bible for guidance, but to the occult.
- We are turning away from true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We are disobeying God's word, the Bible.

The worship and seeking of supernatural powers other than Almighty God has been around since the beginning. Satan has used witchcraft to prevent people from finding holy spirituality in God alone and Salvation in the Death, Burial, Resurrection and Shed Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ! Satan uses witchcraft such as mediums, horoscopes, and games to entice people away from Almighty God and toward a power that gives self enlightenment. (You know "me" instead of Him!) The Bible speaks often of the consequences of following false idols and falsehood. Read the Scripture verses below to better understand the importance of seeking God alone.

- Exodus 22:18 Thou shalt not suffer (allow, permit) a witch to live.
- Leviticus 19:26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.
- Leviticus 19:31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.
- Leviticus 20:6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set My face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.
- Leviticus 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.
- Deuteronomy 18:10-14
 - 10** There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,
 - 11** Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
 - 12** For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.
 - 13** Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.
 - 14** For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.
- 1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, He hath also rejected thee from being king.

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- **1 Chronicles 10:13** So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;
- **2 Chronicles 33:6** And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.
- **Isaiah 8:19 – 22**
 - 19** And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?
 - 20** To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
 - 21** And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.
 - 22** And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.
- **Isaiah 47:8 – 15**
 - 8** Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:
 - 9** But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.
 - 10** For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.
 - 11** Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.
 - 12** Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.
 - 13** Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.
 - 14** Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.
 - 15** Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.
- **Micah 5:12** And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers:

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New Testament Believers turned from sorcery. Let their example serve as an inspiration and a warning.

- Acts 19:18 – 20
 - 18** And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.
 - 19** Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.
 - 20** So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

The Apostle of the Gentiles & Grace even had something to say about this topic:

- Galatians 5:19 – 21
 - 19** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
 - 20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
 - 21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Disciple whom Jesus Loved Wrote This!

- Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

When you patronize these movies, You are giving to the world; love not the world, here is a link to Dr. Paul Freeman's sermon on the Christian and the World. Dr. Freeman's son Gary was Pastor of Race Street Baptist Church from 1976 until the Lord called him home in 2017. (Both Dr. Paul & Gary Freeman are 2 of my 4 Bible Mentors)

http://www.racestreetbaptist.org/audio/2016/061916am%20The%20Christian%20and%20the%20World%20John%207_7DrFreeman.mp3



"Where the Bible is Explained Verse by Verse"

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Now, for you believers/Christians who say “I have freedom and liberty in Christ and am not under the law but GRACE”, please consider the following:

We Believers are to be ambassadors for Christ

- 2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Keep in mind the world is watching our behavior as souls slip into eternity every minute!

Yes we are free but should we sin so grace abound? Paul the Apostle of Grace says:

- Roman 6:1 – 3
 - 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
 - 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
 - 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?
- Romans 9:11 – 15
 - 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
 - 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
 - 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
 - 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

I exhort you to Read & STUDY Roman 6! For starts, go to Les Feldick's Through the Bible (Bible Study) @ <https://lesfeldickbiblestudy.com/> Maybe TV Show 259 be a good start @ <https://lesfeldickbiblestudy.com/259-romans-6-1-14/> (Les Feldick is another 1 of my 4 Bible Mentors!)

A Bible Believer cannot please God if they are in the FLESH

- Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God

Be warned that God does chasten/correct His children!

- 1 Corinthians 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Pastor Gary Freeman (April 28, 1953 - March 25, 2017 – BTW another 1 of my 4 Bible Mentors) who was Pastor of Race Street Baptist Church of Catasauqua, PA from 1976 until the Lord called him home in 2017 did a sermon on the Lord Chastening His Children and I invite you to take the time to listen and look at the scriptures with it at http://racestreetbaptist.org/audio/2015/101815pm%20All%20God's%20Children%20Get%20Spanked%20Hebrews12_3-8.mp3

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- Hebrews 12:3 – 8

3 For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

And yes, if you do walk in the flesh too often, God may decide to call you home! Read these verses and consider!

- Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Some believers say this verse can be applied!

- 1 John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a **sin unto death**: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Paul the Apostle of Grace writing while moved by the Holy Spirit calls the believer to “Come out and be ye separate”:

- 2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

- Galatians 6: For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

- Ephesians 5:3 – 11

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

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If you are not a believer, I would like for you to consider where if you passed away today, where would you spend eternity? Please take the time and consider what the Scriptures say as God wishes all to believe the Gospel!

- Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
- Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

You can live a perfect life but make one little sin, you are still lost and short of God's glory.

- James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.
- Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Salvation cannot be earned. Everyone is a sinner and deserves death and eternal separation from God, but God gives eternal life. So how can we receive God's gift of eternal life?

- Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;

To be saved, we must believe the gospel. The word "gospel" means "good news". But before we can believe the good news, we have to know what it is.

- 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 4
 - 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
 - 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
 - 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures;
 - 4 And that **He was buried**, and that **He rose again** the third day according to the scriptures:

This is the gospel which we must believe in order to be saved. Now, how does believing this gospel save us?

- Romans 5:8 – 11
 - 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
 - 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
 - 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
 - 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

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- Romans 3:22 – 26

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

We can be saved from the wrath of God, because Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins and rose from the dead. He paid the price for us, and we are justified in God's eyes through our faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

- Ephesians 2:8 – 9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- Romans 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

There will be no boasting in heaven. We cannot be saved by our own righteousness, but only by God's grace, through faith.

- Ephesians 1:13 – 14

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

Once we believe the gospel, we are sealed with God's Holy Spirit. This is God's deposit, that guarantees He will redeem us, whom our Lord Jesus Christ "purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). And baptized in the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13), sealed unto the day of redemption by the Holy Spirit and in the hands of both the Lord Jesus Christ and the Father! (John 10:28 – 29)

- John 10:28 – 29

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

29 My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.

30 I and My Father are One.

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Please, read these next 5 verses and believe it (and 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 4 with ALL your heart!). Your eternal destiny depends on it and I pray you will have eternal life and assurance of salvation!

- Romans 10:8 – 13

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is **no difference** between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.

13 For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

- John 3:16 – 18

16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

If you have with all your heart believed the Gospel with all your heart, the Bible says you **HAVE** (right now & forever) eternal life!

Thank God for the gift of Eternal Life, get a King James Bible and start reading it daily and I recommend start with Genesis in the Old Testament and Romans in the New Testament and go through Paul's 14 Epistles then the Gospel of John and continue to the other books. Also try to get Alexander Scourby's narration of the King James Bible so you can listen to the Word of God or read and listen too! If you cannot afford to get the set look through You Tube as there are some of Scourby out there.

If you have questions or need to find a real Bible Believing Church or a Home Style Bible Study I will do my best to help, feel free to contact me on my Facebook Page

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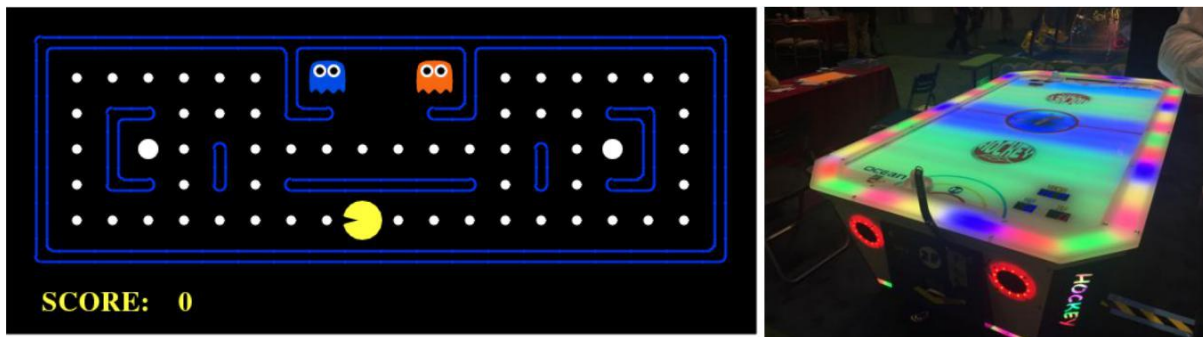
For the Believers/Christians, lets continue on this article as I cover other issues in the context of this article and ask you pray for those who are new babes in Christ that they grow in the Grace of the Lord!

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As America has gone apostate and down the sewer, I want to address the issue of video games being played and its effects on society.

I had my fun of pinball and video games back in the day (I am 56 as of this article), the pinball games, bowling games, pool table, air hockey, the Arcade games such as Pac Man, Tron, etc.



But should the Christian/Bible Believer in 2018, with violent games out there today in the day of apostate fallen America play any games? Do they glorify God?

Should Parents make sure there are no games in the home as well as lead by example and not play games themselves?

We need to examine this in light of the current state of affairs in this one great nation; what is right or what is not right.

I listened to took notes on a sermon on games from not long after the events of September 11, 2001 and things are gone a long way for the worse since that sermon!

- 2 Peter 1:3 – 8

3 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make **you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Video games in the Bible? We don't find it; the Apostles did not play games! No computers, no GPS, no Laptops, no Smart Phones, no technology!

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How do we address this and the entertainment choices America has and especially the Christian Homes? God has an answer; we can come to the Word of God with confidence. Be warned there are many, many different opinions on this issue!

Christian if you play these games do they bring Glory to God?

Lots of Americans in 2018 of all ages play games, especially in the age of the smart phone.

We need to have proper discernment in this field in the Age of Grace

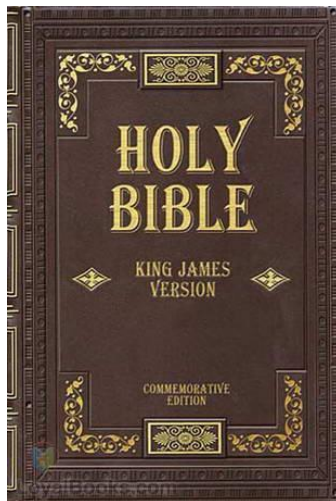
Believers and especially the young people will have to determine what is right in this field. Parents and young people have to make moral choices whether to play games or not, or even which type of games. It is also time to seek the living God on this matter!

I don't want to go through a history of video games at home and at places where the customer could drop quarters or dimes to play (such as arcade games like Pac man, Donkey Kong, etc. too many to list here) that was past and what I want to do is bring to light what is current in 2018 as today's video games are more realistic then in the past.

In this day in 2017 with a fallen nation, I see NO pluses to playing most of these games! I am not talking about the video games that Military uses for example the U. S. Air Force simulators before candidate pilots get into real planes or simulators that teenagers use for Driver Education classes as simulations regarding intoxicating driving!

The Problems that are involved with Video Games.

1. **Addiction – not hard to see; just like addictions to alcohol, drugs, etc., people can spend hours and it is hard to get them away from the game back to real life. Addiction is Idolatry! Moses talks about this making it short and to the point!**



- Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Any type of addiction is Idolatry! Having a god before Jehovah Elohim! Takes us away from our relationship with God!

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Very difficult to wean off the games! Secular studies show this!

- 1) Do you video games take you away from your time with God, Family, Friends and Church?
You need to get away from those games then!
- 2) Do you think about the games during the game in your thoughts; how to beat the game, you can't focus on school, work, family, etc.
- 3) Is your mood affected by playing the games? Or when you can't play games? Or when you get interrupted? Do your children have attitudes, mood changes when they are asked to stop playing and do chores or something else?
- 4) Do you often find yourself talking to people about the games, online with others on how to win the game?
- 5) Are your children playing the games instead of getting their homework or Bible study done? They are choosing a game over reality.
- 6) Most gamers come home from work, play games until 3, 4 or 5 am; they drag themselves to work, very difficult to hold a job when you are staying up all night playing video games.

2. Video games are TIME WASTERS!

- Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Redeeming, buying it back. Nothing wrong about Entertainment or Recreation in it's proper place, but Americans have made Entertainment their god! Entertainment is not real life! Just look at the enthusiasm and behavior at NFL Football, MLB Baseball and other Professional Sporting Events!

Most Games today take lots of time to master, time that is needed for your children to get homework done, or Bible studying, family home responsibilities, time to spend with family, children, work around the home, etc. Time is being wasted! A time waster!

If you take up 50 hours a week on games, what have you accomplished?

Our spiritual state, many believers want to play stupid games instead of the hard work of memorizing Scripture and our Daily Bible Reading! Tells us about our spiritual state, even taking 10 minutes a day to read the Bible has been taken off by playing these games!

3. Video games distract & take us away from important areas of life

- 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour

If Satan can get our attention of what of the things that are really matter in this life then he has won as we have become sleepy believers and failed in our walk with God! Character is not being built due to the playing games, which is meaningless. Adults are not exempt! Marriages have been thrown away over playing video games! Example: "me (spouse)" over the video game! BTW, the many hours wasted playing these games; you could be reading your Bible to your kids, teaching your kids, growing food so you can use that food to feed your family, etc.

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4. Video games are NOT beneficial to spiritual growth do they help draw us closer to God?

- 1 Peter 1:14 – 15

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in **all manner of conversation;**

How does this game to make us holy, do the games make us opposite to the Lord Jesus Christ, and hurting our Christian Character?

5. Harmful to your physical condition when played to excess, your eyes & body! Get out and exercise as America has become an obese nation!

Playing these games for long periods of time can cause problems to the eyes, back your body

- 1 Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

We have couch potatoes and video game junkies in this once great nation!

A few died of exhaustion, playing over 24 hours, some accounts outside the USA. I encourage you to take the time and do the research!

Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost

- 1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Is it glorifying God for you to stay up all night playing video games? Does it help you're your physical health? Even watching TV; same concept!

6. Promotes wickedness by pretending to be involved with it

- Ephesians 5:11 – 12

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

We are believers it's none of our business to go out and find out what the world is doing and talk about it and that applies to video games. Parents, you need to throw away these games, in fact, NEVER GET THEM NOR ALLOW YOUR KIDS TO GET THEM! Many of things you would never allow your children to talk about or discuss at supper time (at the dinner table) in the form of their character on the video game! Remember the game Grand Theft Auto from 2002? (Bad man working for the mob! I won't go any further with the rules of the game, but your children playing this game pick up virtual prostitutes, profanities, stealing cars, assassinations, etc.) Shows even back then (in 2002) that there is something wrong!

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7. Money wasters. If you are not spending money on them, you most likely are stealing them!

- Proverbs 18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

People who are sloths tend to like video games! Keep in mind not all video game players are sloths!

When you conquer a game, you buy another one, etc.

Those who don't buy the games, they are **STEALING THEM!** Pirating them! Christian, if you are getting games for free from those who pirate the software, it is illegal, copyright laws are being violated and you are participating in **STEALING!**

Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

7. They encourage violence

Proverbs 1:15 – 16

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

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our kids might try to justify these games; "It's not real, it's a game", nonsense! It encourages violence, when you do it in a game; you most likely are doing it in your heart! Look at the violent aggression within our youth today! If parents are playing games, what Timothy 2:16

are you teaching your kids? The youth of America are playing these games, acting these violent acts out on a screen, and then acting it out in real life. A constant exposure to virtual violence will numb your mind and encourage real violence! A PERFECT example of what I have been saying is an incident from early 2002. A young man in Whitehall Township (North of Allentown), Lehigh County Pennsylvania threw down an 18 pound chunk of ice down, standing off a bridge at a car U.S. Route 22, killing a woman!

This 15 year old male (who served time until age 21) could not associate that an 18 pound chunk of ice is going through a windshield and kill! The article is linked below. Something definitely is not connecting here!

http://articles.mcall.com/2003-01-05/news/3461443_1_overpass-state-police-windshield-and-roof and <http://6abc.com/archive/5987080/>

9. Most video games use plenty of profanity & vulgarity in some way (Grand Theft Auto is an example)

- 2 Timothy 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
- Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
- Colossians 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Why would parents allow our children to play these games which have vulgarity and profanity and then not tolerate them saying the same filthy language at the dinner table? Parents, be careful to what you allow in your home! Applies also to the Television & Radio!

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10. Accompanied by Dangers of pornography and wrong music!

- Ephesians 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

It is common knowledge that the gaming community online is pornographic! These types of games lead to spending time on pornographic websites on the internet!

Music Soundtracks from the games; would you play these songs at your house while entertaining guests and friends or even having your Homestyle Bible Study?

**Conclusion: NO GAMES IN YOUR HOME! If you have them,
Burn them! (Or destroy them!)**

- Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Television in the Home

I want to address the filth and rot that is on the Television and even on Radio. As some would call “News and Talk Radio Junkie” most of my adult life, let’s just say for now, if there were no News, Weather, Talk and Radio on the TV, I would of thrown the TV out a long time ago and even these days in 2017 with Talk Radio Shows you have to discern what you want your children to listen to!

The Television issue is a no brainer. The obscene language on the shows, the “reality” shows that portray fighting, violence, disrespect towards parents and authority, sex, fornication, adultery, sodomy, bestiality, immodest dress, anti-Christian views, anti-American views, etc. should definitely be enough there for the parents to not have a TV in their home! If we will not invite certain people into our home because of foul language or immodest dress, we ought to see that the same does not come into our home by way of the television. Parents have no business allowing their children to have a television of their own and watch shows unsupervised, which to me is just as much an abomination as leaving your children home alone while the parents are at church “serving the Lord”! Much better for the children to read the Bible and wholesome books! Just consider the education and intelligence of previous generations before TV & Radio!

King David said in Psalms 101:2 – 3

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. It may surprise you to learn that there is life after television.

Men, if you are not educating your children, you are disobeying and shirking your God given responsibilities! You are supposed to be ensuring your children are reading their Bibles and getting a proper education.

- 1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel

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Conclusion: BEST NOT TO HAVE ANY TV/TV's IN YOUR HOME!

A radio with a remote and the internet with a monitor is all you need for news and the weather. The computer, radio, cellphone, I-pod. CD player and cassette player should all be regulated and monitored by Dad. Rock and roll music should never be allowed in the home. Television should not be allowed in your child's bedroom. Your children (minor children, under 18 years of age) do not have the freedom to do as they please in your home. BTW, your children do NOT need cell phones, if you insist they have one, get the flip phones, no "smart phones", and no internet access on the phone, etc. and only for calling 911!

If you have to have one, do not hook cable up, YOU the parent have and keep the controls and tuners. Hook up a DVD to the TV and YOU have the children watch wholesome and educational documentaries and have the BIBLE ON IT! BUT, if you have to have Cable News and weather, LOCK THEM CHANNELS on your tuner! Forget the sports! Time wasters!

