

Music

1. Music is not inherently bad; we have a God-given talent to make music (Gen. 4:21); we can really enjoy music that does not promote sin.
2. What does music do to the brain? Music inspires, motivates, controls moods, catches attention, calls to action, etc. People are influenced by the words within the music because the music itself manipulates the brain. Music is powerful!
3. Music is not to be condemned because it is modern; all music (new and old) is condemned when it is ungodly.
4. Warnings against today's popular music are not just about bad words or 4-letter words (Eph. 4:29); it's also about bad messages that promote sin; sin is turned into entertainment: drinking, drugs, sex ("sex, drugs, and rock and roll"), divorce, abuse, violence, rebellion, disrespect for authority, murder, suicide, sexual immorality, homosexuality, bestiality, immodest dress, lack of self-control, going to hell, Satanism, necrophilia, etc. (Mk. 7:20-23; Rom. 1:26ff; 1Cor. 6:9ff; Gal. 5:19ff; Eph. 5:3ff; Col. 3:5ff).
5. What goes into our ears, goes into our heart; what goes into our heart, comes out in our life; beware of mind pollution (Prov. 4:20-27; Phil. 4:8).
6. We are not to be like the world; we are to encourage others not to be like the world; be selective; just turn off the ungodly music; learn to like clean music (Jn. 17:14-16; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 5:11; 1 Jn. 2:15-17).