

# Abominations

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( God's abominations from Proverbs )

- The perverse person (3:22; 11:20)
- A proud look (6:17)
- A lying tongue (6:17; 12:22)
- Hands that shed innocent blood (6:17)
- A heart that devises evil and feet that are swift to mischief (6:18)
- A false witness and one who sows discord among his brethren (6:19)
- The false balance (11:1)
- The sacrifice of the wicked (15:8; 21:27)
- Evil devices (15:26)
- The proud in heart (16:5)
- Justifying the wicked and condemning the righteous (17:15)
- False/unequal weights and measures (20:10, 23)
- Not hearing God's law (28:9)  
- Chris Reeves -

# - Scripture of the Week -

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*"Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" - Acts 3:19*

Just as the good Lord gives us the season of springtime, he gives us seasons of refreshing from a dead life of sin when we repent and turn to him.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Entertainment: Avoiding Three Pitfalls

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Everyone needs a period of rest and relaxation from time-to-time. There is certainly a time for entertainment and enjoyment in life. But, as Christians, we have to be careful what kind of entertainment we engage in and how much entertainment we engage in. What are some biblical guidelines we can use to help us be entertained and pleasing to God at the same time?

## **A Society of Entertainment**

Entertainment is “an activity that is diverting and that holds the attention”. Consider how much our society revolves around entertainment. Approximately \$500 billion is made in revenue in the US on sports alone. The average American watches 4 hours of TV each day - 10 years of TV in a lifetime!

America’s entertainment comes from abundant affluence, technology, and leisure. Many Americans have to be entertained every minute of the day (TV, Phone, radio “background noise”). Many Americans are also bored and unhappy if they are not entertained.

Yes, a period of rest and relaxation is needful and God-given, but we must be cautious (Ecclesiastes 5:18-20; Mark 6:31). We can spend so much time and

money on entertainment that we do not have time or money left to do the Lord’s work. Let us consider three pitfalls that we need to avoid concerning entertainment.

## **Pitfall #1: Worldliness**

Christians need to be careful that they do not engage in worldliness in the name of “entertainment”. Entertainment can be sinful and ungodly (Galatians 5:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:4).

Immodesty, fornication, alcohol, drugs, violence, profanity, etc., are all done in the name of “fun”, but that doesn’t make it right. Do not engage in entertainment if it is sinful and worldly.

## **Pitfall #2: Lawlessness**

Christians need to be careful that they do not engage in entertainment as a part of the work and worship of the church. Entertainment is an unauthorized work of the church because it is not a part of uphold the truth of God’s word (1 Timothy 3:15). Church of Christ fellowship halls, gymnasiums, ball teams, field trips, carnivals, etc., are all unauthorized works of the church.

Entertainment is also an unauthorized worship of the church (Matthew 15:9;

2 Timothy 4:2-4). Church of Christ drama productions, praise teams, choirs, funny “sermons,” bands, etc., are all unauthorized.

## **Pitfall #3: Wastefulness**

Finally, Christians need to be careful that they do not engage in entertainment that simply wastes precious time, money, and energy (Proverbs 21:17).

A person can spend so much time on entertainment that there time is robbed of good deeds that can be done for others (Psalm 55:17; Acts 8:4; 1 Timothy 4:13; 1 Peter 4:9). A person can also spend so much money on entertainment that they rob God of what they are supposed to give him (Haggai 1:4; Malachi 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

## **Entertainment: Three Questions**

It would be good for all Christians to ask three questions regarding their entertainment: 1. Is it pure or sinful (Philippians 4:8)? 2. Is it authorized or unauthorized (Colossians 3:17)? And, 3. Is it a time, money, or energy waster (Ephesians 5:16)? - *Chris Reeves*