



Sermon Series: Walking in Wisdom
Sermon Title: "Viewer Discretion Discernment Advised"
Scripture: Various passages
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Intro: "To Be Continued"

How the love of Christ... determines, and drives my desires.

Ephesians 5:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15



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1. *Entertain* Defined: - *Judges 16:25, 27, Acts 28:7-8, Hebrews 13:1-2*

Entertainment: (n) 1. the action of providing or being provided with amusement or enjoyment.
2. an event, performance, or activity designed to entertain others.
3. the action of receiving a guest or guests and providing them with food and drink.

Amusement: (n) 1. the state or experience of finding something funny.
2. the provision or enjoyment of entertainment.
3. something that causes laughter or provides entertainment.
amuse: a = *not, against* + muse = *think*

2. Design > Deteriorate: *Who created entertainment? How has it devolved?*

Zephaniah 3:17, James 1:17, 1 Timothy 6:16-17, Colossians 3:17 (16) > John 8:44

3. Diagnosing the Disease - **James 4:1-10, Matthew 18:7-9**

4. Decisive Determinators - **Philippians 4:4-9**

How to determine if specific entertainment is God honoring?

Re: **CONTENT**; the quality of what I'm taking in.

Q?: Does/will this entertainment move me closer towards or further away from God? **James 4:8**

Q?: Is this entertainment redeemable (i.e. by God's standard)? If not, will I cut it out? **Matthew 18:7-9**

Re: **QUANTITY**; the amount of entertainment I'm taking in.

Q?: Where can I and/or my family limit the amount of entertainment we take in? **Ephesians 5:16**

Q?: Would I be willing to pray about & fast from entertainment to determine its grip on me? **Luke 2:37**

Re: **CONTEXT**; the environment in which I take it in.

Q?: What percentage of entertainment am I taking in by myself, isolated, and alone? **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

5. Discernment that Delivers - **Ephesians 5:1-21**

Why discernment is better than discretion:

Xtra: Scan QR code or go to link on front page for practical questions to help discern your entertainment choices. Here are additional challenges to consider when applying the truth of God's word in your life.

- What ***S.M.A.R.T.** action(s) would I be willing to take to improve my (and my family's) current entertainment practices?
**Specific - Measurable - Achievable - Repeatable - Time-Based*
 - Do I realize there could be some blindspots in my life regarding entertainment? If so, who are some specific people I am willing to invite to walk alongside me for healthier accountability and an effective community of faith?
 - What current desire(s) do I have competing with my affections for Jesus? What will I do to increase my desire for Him?
 - What would the Holy Spirit filling/controlling me more re: entertainment look like? How can I cooperate with Him?
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