

Renewing My Music And Media Questions

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Philippians 4:8

Think about true things.

- What does this mean in relationship to music and movies?
- How might this inform our thinking about what we approve of or what we desire?

Think about honorable (noble) things.

- What do you think it is about music that will lead people to listen to things without any issue that they would also say they wouldn't do personally?

Think about just (righteous) things.

- What would be an example of wrong things as God defines wrong?

Think about pure things.

- Does the music you listen to lead you to love the Savior more, or does it cause your affection for Jesus to diminish?
- Does it help you treat others in a way that honors them in your heart?

Think about lovely things.

- If you limited your music and viewing choices to what was beneficial, not just permissible, would your music and viewing choices change? If so, what does that tell you?
- How many times have we gotten excited for a movie premier or a new song that is permissible but not helpful?
- Who helps you determine that? Are you truly open to your parent's input?
- The rating may make it lawful, but will it be helpful? How will it be helpful? Will you value human life more, or do you think you will be unaffected? Is it all lovely?
- How irritated do you get when you aren't hearing the music or seeing the movie you prefer? Do you feel crushed, left out, and unpopular? Whose approval are you seeking?
- Are we thinking?

Think about commendable and excellent things.

- What is commendable to you?
- If it's commendable to a peer but not to your parents is it commendable? If you could share it with a friend would you share it with Mom and Dad?
- Mom and Dad, do you know what your son or daughter commends to others?

Think about praiseworthy things.

- Do your thoughts take you to gratitude and thirst for Jesus; or do they take you to places where you arrive at church on Sunday mornings disinterested and unaffected?