

It Is Not Going Away

I can still remember the first time I was watching a landmark, breakthrough, cutting-edge, Emmy award-winning dramas on a major network, and I glanced up from what I was doing and there was a character shown from the back undressed. I was shocked! Since then, more nudity, albeit pixelated on the major networks, has made its way into programming.

If you thought that our television channels were already saturated with enough sex, vulgarity, and profanity, you may want to brace yourself -- the Federal Communications Commission is proposing changes to its guidelines that would allow more racy content to infiltrate the small screen during hours when kids could tune in.

Television must continually "push the envelope" of godlessness to attract ratings and keep sponsors who will pay them top dollar for advertising spots on the network. Because of this basic greed, television continues to be the greatest medium by which sinful words, immodesty, immorality, and violence are broadcast into our living rooms and subconsciously turned into examples for all of us.

Seeing so much of this junk through the years eventually makes us apathetic. We do not really care if it is immoral or not because we have seen it 20,000 times. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8, *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."* But how can we with all these images flashing before our eyes? Maybe we need to wake up and reconsider what we let "go by" or "slip" and turn our televisions off. One fact of which I am sure: it is not going away! Paul wrote, *"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived"* (2 Timothy 3:13). Pray that Christians can *"live soberly, righteously, and godly"* (Titus 2:12), and will stand against an ever-growing tide of evil.

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