

# What God Sees On Facebook During Prom Season

Medical science has not yet figured out how to transplant the brain of a 40-year old, into that of a teenager. But it sure would make helping young people navigate through those teen years much easier. Imagine if you could combine the zeal of a young person with the wisdom of someone who has experienced life for 4-5 decades!

Now that prom season is coming up for most schools I wanted to take a minute and share a few thoughts. This is not a “bashing” article, written to judge or condemn those who have participated in this annual ritual. This is not meant to be hateful or mean-spirited, and was not written because of any certain person. Rather, it is a perspective that I hope will cause young and old alike to think. It is my hope that after reading this you will be encouraged to be holy like God is holy. I have heard the following statements by people that I know about prom — some that are Christians and some that are not:

- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom; after all, it is what everyone else was doing.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because older members in the church complimented prom pictures.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because, quite frankly, I wasn't striving to be more holy.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because I assumed lust was just a part of growing up.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because I wasn't concerned with immodesty.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because drinking alcohol was not viewed as reckless as other drugs.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because I was not thinking about things through the eyes of my future spouse.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because I was primarily living for myself.
- When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom because I didn't fear God.

Now that I'm older, I spend a lot of time evaluating how I can be more holy, and as a result, I look at things differently. I'm not saying that with age I have reached a status where I feel I “know more” than others. Just the opposite in fact — with my few added years I have come to realize just how little I do know. Instead, the few added years have helped realign my priorities better and have helped me take some bold steps in my Christian walk. I'm constantly striving to be more Christ-like. As a result, my views have changed — somewhat dramatically. Here are some thoughts of what I see today when I see those prom pictures on Facebook.

- I see parents who may not realize there is a culture war going on, and that their child's soul is at stake.
- I see parents who don't believe worldliness is a problem in their home.
- I see parents who are teaching their children a poor lesson about pleasure on earth.

- I see parents who have not shared with their children the costs of following Christ.
- I see parents who are willing to gamble on the purity of their children for a night of fun.
- I see parents who are willing to purchase immodest dresses and justify it, because after all, it is the prom.
- I see young people who have conformed rather than be transformed.
- I see young people who fear not attending prom more than they fear the Lord.
- I see young people who are weak spiritually.
- I see young people who desire to be in a lascivious environment.
- I see young people who have no problem twerking or grinding on Saturday night, and then taking the Lord's Supper Sunday morning.
- I see young people who will one day wish they had not gone so far with their date.
- I see young people who will one day wish they could erase pictures from the Internet.
- I see grandparents and older Christians who reinforce this behavior by "liking" or posting positive comments under pictures.
- I see grandparents and older Christians who believe this is a rite of passage — after all, they did it.
- I see grandparents and older Christians who see an immodestly dressed young lady and still make positive comments about her dress.
- I see grandparents and older Christians who are comfortable with their young people having worldly values.
- And lastly, I see young people who probably do not possess the same values that we are trying to instill in our children — and therefore are not suitable candidates for marriage. And that makes me sad. That's probably the biggest thing I see — sadness. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Sometimes pictures say more than that.

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