

Are secular music and movies good for Christians?

The church has become very worldly. Almost many want to be pleasers of the world in order to be liked and celebrated. As a result of that, the church/believers have become very seeker-friendly (James 4:4) with the world, loving the world (1 John 2:15-17); conforming to the world (Romans 12:1-2). The church is more influenced by the world than by the Word of God especially in the area of music and Secular movies.

Ephesians 5:17-19 ¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ **Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;**

Praise and worship ministers to God, but also speaks to us. This is crucial to have the songs be songs of truth.

- i) Psalms—a sacred song sung to musical accompaniment
- ii) Hymns
- iii) Spiritual songs, not worldly or secular songs. If you have not noticed all “gospel songs” are NOT spiritual songs.
- iv) Singing and making melody in your heart to the LORD!

In determining whether or not to listen to secular music, there are 4 primary factors to consider:

1) The purpose of music

- a) Worship (primarily used music for the purpose of worshiping God). (see Psalm

4:1; 6:1, 54:1, 55:1; 61:1; 67:1; 76:1)

- b) It doesn't edify you.
- c) Do these songs get you to know God more or draw you closer to Him?

2) The style of music

- a) There is nothing inherently wrong with any particular *style* of music.
- b) Which *genre* is Christian or right for a believer?
 - i) Classic, rock, rap, and reggae? Contemporary or old faithful hymns?
- c) Instruments no instruments?

3) The content of the lyrics and/or videos

A) LYRICS

Lyrics play one of the major part in determining whether a song is "acceptable" for a Christian to listen to.

- a) Some lyrics are straight out demonic. They were written and inspired of the devil and has an agenda behind it. Some Christians tend to be so naïve and stupid in that they think the filthy lyrics do not hurt them.
- b) Take an example of the secular rap music. It is violent, vulgar, and **pornographic**.

- c) Why would a child of God listen to a pornographic song? This worldly woman sang a song literally describing a sexual act. So what they are doing is if you will not watch the pornography on video, they will paint that picture with audio. This is sick, demonic and wrong.
- d) Worst of all, a so called christian gospel singer—Tasha Combs — Sang the song “Blessings” with the female Devil (Nicki Minaj). I heard from a pastor friend that she sang a **pornography** song.
 - i) 1 Thessalonians 5:22 *Abstain from all appearance of evil*. This does not mean fleeing evil alone, we actually can’t flee evil if we aren’t fleeing its appearance.
- e) Sadly, many of you are ‘enjoying’ and listening to these demonic songs. Some sleep with them playing in their heads and going deep into their subconscious mind.
- f) Many have been tricked to believe that the lyrics don’t matter, it just the melody. How wrong can you be!
 - i) Did you know many christian music lyrics are not good or in line with the word, hence secular and worldly. I don’t doubt that their heart is right, but their head is wrong or was wrong. Lacked enough knowledge and revelation of the Word.
 - o Bwaka – Acts 2
 - o Beera Nange (Be with me) – Hebrews 13:5
 - o God works in mysterious ways – 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 16⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. ¹⁰ But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. ¹⁶ For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.
 - o He gives and takes away blessed be the name of the Lord. I like the tune, beat, and the melody, but part of the lyrics SUCK! They are not in line with

the Word. God does not give and take away—God is the giver and It is the devil that takes away (John 10:10; James 1:16-17)

Side effects:

- i) Secular/worldly believers
- ii) Spirit of lust and pornography unleashed on the believers
- iii) Look at the level of promiscuity in the world/Uganda.
- iv) Glorifying adultery

g) Singing with the World/secular

- i) Kirk Franklin and Maverick City — Christian band perform with Will Smith. Many justify this as reaching the world, but the truth is the world is the one reaching the church.
- ii) Tasha Combs — Sang the song “Blessings” with the female Devil (Nicki Minaj). I heard from a pastor friend that she sang a **pornography** song.
- iii) In Uganda I heard of a worldly female musician that went to a school and stripped/exposed her filth before the high school students. I later learned she wanted to sing a ‘christian song’ and with a renown male christian singer/entertainer and this guy made a song with her.
 - o But WHY? What is this? Do we not have any standards as believers?
 - o What are these collaborations with the world? 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 tells us not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers. We can’t be in dealings, fellowship, unions with unbelievers. We are forbidden from that, yet many of our celebrated christian musicians are doing just that.
 - o What fellowship does light have with darkness? None! There should be none. The two do not fellowship

- You need a standard; boy and Girl, which is set by the Word and relationship with the Lord.
- I'm not knocking all christian ministers in song, but many are one and the same with the world.
- I'm going to make an altar call for all christian singers that are not born-again to genuiely make that commitment and give their lives to the Lord. Jesus said, "**You MUST be born-again.**" (John 3:3).

B) VIDEOS/MOVIES

You have seen the videos.

- a) Naked men and women – Many of these secular and worldly musicians have money but do not have clothes. They are naked. They do not dress up.
- b) Seduction and Obscenity, in other words pornography. Much of the music is obscene, vulgar (foul mouth), and full of seduction and lust.
 - i) The videos also now play a part because they paint pictures in our minds and hearts.
- c) Why would you as a child of God play a scene of the devil, vampire, sex on TV, mistress, chaeting spouse, gay scene when you are straight, home wrecker, nude, and so forth?
 - i) The only conclusion I can draw is that you are a lover of the world and all it has to offer—lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—even when you might be born-again, or at the very atleast not yet a disciple.
- d) 1 Timothy 4:2 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- e) Titus 2:6-7 6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7 In all things shewing

thyselves a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Show me your friend and I will tell you who you are or your future or you are about to become. Birds of the same feather flock together—1 **Corinthians 15:33-34** *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

4) The values and beliefs of the person

Who inspired the song? The world, the devil, or the Lord? 90% of the secular music is demonic. Inspired by the devil. I love to break that to you. You need to know this.

If you were to interview them to tell you how they came up with that song. You would be shocked by much of them.

- A) We need to know the values and beliefs of these people—Both secular and gospel artists.
- B) I heard of an American popular singer who turned who apparently became a born-again Christian, started a choir and all. While this appeared to be good, it was too soon, too quick.
 - a) He had just had a career of slandering God. He had been putting out music glorifying demons and the devils, calling himself Jesus.
 - b) Why would you listen to this guy's 'gospel music'? No condemnation, I believe he meant well, but we did not vet him and give him time to walk the talk. We immediately platformed him because he had this music background.
 - c) Some call themselves 'little witches', demons. If he did a christian song, why would you immediately listen to him. He is a novice and has not earned anything yet to be platformed or trusted. He has not been discipled and all. What usually happens, they all go abck to the world.
- C) We should not just listen to anyone or have anyone speak words in our lives.
 - a) We need to vet them and ensure that we know these people — something about them— Who are you? Who is this person?
 - i) Look them up (homework or research) such as their beliefs and values.
 - b) I believe when someone addresses people—whether through ministry or secular entertainment—the person who is doing these things gives off more than the words they say, teach, or sing. If they are ungodly, they partly **minister death** even if they are saying and singing the right stuff.
 - i) Lauren D (said she doesn't know if "homosexuality is wrong.)"

- ii) Lakre — were asked about their stance on gay and homosexual positions and their position was against the Bible.

Let me help these so-called christian singers. A Christian singer/Artist is not a gospel artist (Actually many of the songs have no gospel message in them)—you are a minister, not a gospel Artist. You are not an entertainer. Notice the passage Ephesians 5:19 says:

- v) Psalms
- vi) Hymns
- vii) Spiritual songs, not worldly or secular songs. If you have not noticed all “gospel songs” are **NOT** spiritual songs.
- viii) Singing and making melody in your heart to the LORD!

Guys you are toying with your soul, heart, and eternal life. Many of you think it is just music and entertainment, but you are planting junk and sewage in your heart.

Christian believers, stop being shy about your faith, the devil is not shy, and he is out there putting his wickedness on your screens.

Note:

Ultimately, the best kind of music is that which praises and glorifies God.

And it must pass:

- a) Philippians 4:8;
- b) Colossians 3:17, 23;
- c) 1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23
- d) Ephesians 5:19

You need to guard your heart: Proverbs 4:23

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

- a) Is your song a sing of praise to the Lord? Do you have a hidden agenda?