

Announcements

OUR PRAYER LIST

Jo Byrnes • Betty Cannon • Joyce Coones • Sleatha Gore
Evelyn Griffin • Essielene Henderson • Buddy Johnson (*he is
improving and is hoping to worship this morning in Polk City*)
Faye Kilpatrick • Shane Brewer

OUT OF TOWN

Ray & Margery Knisley (New Hampshire)
Buddy & Hildreth Johnson (Auburndale)

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

If you have not yet had your photo taken for the upcoming church directory, please see Cindy Hinds immediately following this morning's worship service in the classroom building where she will be taking the remaining pictures. Scheduled for today is last names ending in Q–Z. And, as mentioned above, if you have not yet had your photo taken, please do so today. Our goal is to have the directories assembled in August.

Psalm 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul

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THINGS ABOVE

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth”

—[Colossians 3:1–2]—

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Would Jesus Watch TV?

By Rodney Tedford

Although the question would probably generate a lot of debate, we will only use it here to get us thinking. There are a lot of things about television that need discussing. Trouble is, no matter how much we might discuss and acknowledge the problem we always seem to wind up treating our own television habits as the proverbial “sacred cow.” We would need an awful lot of motivation to make very many changes in that area. Let me just share a few more thoughts with you on this subject.

What is the real value of watching tv? Hey, it can be informative, it can be educational, and it can surely keep us up-to-date on what's going on in the world. There are a number of valu-

able contributions that television can make to our lives on a daily basis. Why, we even know of ways that the television can be and is used to spread the gospel. But, let's be honest, all these potentials for good put together, don't even touch the hem of the garment of the primary use of the television. For the most part, television is where we sit and watch other people live, act, perform or compete. We sit, they do. They talk, we listen. For the most part, then, television watching is idleness. But it's not just idleness; it is captivating idleness, mesmerizing idleness, even addictive idleness. Sometimes it is corruptive idleness. Far too often it is spiritually degrading idleness. If we know such to be true, I wonder what it would take to move us to take personal action in this area? In fact, I wonder several things that might be worth mentioning here.

1. I wonder what would happen if you announced to your family the end of TV in your house. Would the reaction tell us more than we want to know? Think of it this way; which of these announcements would be easier to make? "Family, no more TV," OR "Family, no more church," OR "Family, no more Bible study." Which one would be the bigger ordeal?
2. I wonder whose getting the most mileage out of TV, God or Satan?
3. I wonder, has TV been good for America?
4. I wonder, has TV been good for the church?
5. I wonder, is TV good for me? I wonder one other thing. What would happen to a church whose members all decided to give half of their television watching time back to the Lord in some form of service, work, study, or prayer? Not all, just half. Would it be too much to ask? I wonder, would we do it?



Being a Little Hypocritical — Selected —

1. The man who says he is kept away from church by hypocrites is not influenced by them anywhere else.
2. Business is full of them; but if he by chance sees where he can make some money, he does not hesitate because there are hypocrites making money.
3. Society is crowded with them, and yet he never thinks of becoming a hermit.
4. Married life is full of them, but that does not make him remain a bachelor.
5. Hell will be full of them, and yet he is not doing anything to keep from going there.
6. He makes you think he is trying to avoid hypocrites; and yet, he takes not one single step toward the only place where no hypocrites can go — heaven.
7. Honestly now, is he not being a little hypocritical?

