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Re: Can Some One Give me Advice on a Game I play - posted by deltadom (), on: 2008/7/27 18:13

World of Warcraft has a sony BMG rootkit which can seriously mess up your computer

Re: Can Some One Give me Advice on a Game I play, on: 2008/7/27 18:20

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I looked it up on Wikipedia, this is witchcraft. Ask your parents to burn it and ask God to forgive you and deliver you from all demonic influence. Whatever you do get it out of your home as soon as possible. Do you have assurance of your salvation? If not (<http://readthegospel.com/>) GO HERE.

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/7/27 18:56

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Yes, it is that bad. This is nothing but witchcraft. The reason you keep going back to it and feel that pull is the demonic influence it has had on you. If it is something you have bought and downloaded than you will want to delete all of the files on your computer. If you have the disc simply destroy it and throw it in the garbage. I will pray for you.

Galatians 5:19-21

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19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 idolatry, **witchcraft**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/7/27 19:25

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On a christian websight? How sad! This is no christian websight. Not only should you get rid of the game but stay away from the websight as well. From the websight:

Quote:

-----If you are familiar with Dungeons and Dragons, Everquest, and other games of the like, you will definitely be familiar with this game. Once you pick a server to play on, you create a character to your liking on that server. You choose a class (Druid, Hunter, Mage, Paladin, Priest, Rogue, Shaman, Warlock, Warrior), a race (Humans, Night Elves, Dwarves, Gnomes, Orcs, Tauren, Undead, Trolls), and a faction (Alliance or Horde).

This is straight from the pit of hell.

Did you go to (<http://readthegospel.com/>) Read the Gospel? If not please do. The gospel message that they are sending here is not of God. If you have been deceived in this area you may have been deceived concerning your own salvation so please check it out, ok?

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Re:, on: 2008/7/27 21:15

You can also watch the gospel (<http://readthegospel.com/step2.html>) HERE.

I will continue to pray for you.

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/7/27 21:29

Well I'm pretty sure i will delete it. Thank you very much again. To tell you the truth i really want to play but i will submit to you. The thing that makes deleting it hard though is that most of my best friends play it so it fun to play that game with them but yea I'll delete it. And about my salvation, i am pretty sure i am saved. I have listened to many many sermons already, by Paul Washer and Leonard Ravenhill so i have heard the Gospel clearly and i have repented of my sins and i have believed the Gospel. But yea i will delete this game, although i really wish i could play it, but its just a dumb game. So in finality are you a hundred thousand percent sure that this game is bad? thanks much and I'm sorry i trailing this along so much.

Re:, on: 2008/7/27 21:37

Quote:
----- So in finality are you a hundred thousand percent sure that this game is bad? thanks much and I'm sorry i trailing this along so much.

Yes, 100% +++! You need to have a conviction and you obviously don't. There is no true repentance on another's conviction. Please do not get offended at me for saying this but without a conviction you have not truly repented and cannot.

I may not be able to get back with you again till tomorrow but maybe another brother or sister here can address this issue and help you out some more. I will continue to pray.

Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/7/27 21:47

Watered,

I've enjoyed reading your posts and am pleased with the humility the Lord has blessed you with. My friend, I must tell you I had been an avid gamer for many years. Especially strategy games wherein I could build an empire and go to war. This was very dangerous to my soul. I lived in these false adventures, ignoring the life He wanted for me. I was an addict and these were in essence idles...and I was in fact a spiritual adulterer. I remember one day when I was playing 1602A.D. on the computer the Lord made it very clear to me. There I was building an empire forsaking the right to reign with Him in the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth. My friend, present yourself a living sacrifice to the Lord and let Him transform your mind that you may see the grand epic adventure and battle that is raging in reality. Be a good soldier of the King, put on your armor and fight the battle of the ages in reality. I know you are young. It may help you to read Epic by John Eldredge to understand.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/7/27 21:56

It deals with the demonic and will be a bondage in your life without you even knowing it. I would not play those sort of games at all.

I **strongly** encourage you to watch this video in light of this;

Paul Washer - Shocking Message (full length)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuabITeO4I8>

Re: Can Some One Give me Advice on a Game I play - posted by Limey153 (), on: 2008/7/28 4:17

Dear friend, it is indeed good that you are seeking out what is best and so be encouraged here. I agree with the other posts, particularly in regards to watching Paul Washers youth message. I consider myself saved however I still like to watch and listen to these messages about genuine salvation because it is good to keep examining ourselves. I would say to you that it would also be important to pray regularly about this issue. Ask the Lord each day to take away your desire for these games and that he would show you how to bring every thought and action in subjection to his will. Bear in mind that though it may seem very difficult to give these things up, by asking the Lord to give you the strength to obey him, not only will it become easier but you will actually find that it is a great pleasure to abandon these pursuits. :-)

Re: Can Some One Give me Advice on a Game I play - posted by learn (), on: 2008/7/28 6:01

Sorry to hijack the thread. What about games like chess, boardgames, monopoly and cards? Thanks

Re: - posted by Limey153 (), on: 2008/7/28 6:31

In regards to playing board games etc, i do think that many board games are fine. However I do not believe that card games are fine, please read an article on this link that shows the blasphemy behind an ordinary deck of cards.

(http://www.eaec.org/bibleanswers/playing_cards.htm) CARD GAMES

Re: - posted by Ruach34 (), on: 2008/7/28 8:43

Good post, Zionshield and I do agree. I watched a news report on the addictive power this game has on kids across the world. This news cast was from europe, somewhere. But, what was astounding was the measure of rebellion and anger that abounded in these kids. Without going into the content of these games, because i have not played them, but just a look at the periphery should make one question the 'goodness' of the game itself. Luke 16:15 says this,

Quote:
-----"And He said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.'"

Definately a word we all should meditate on...

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/7/28 13:15

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Praise God! I will continue to pray for you. That's great news.:)

Re: Real Warcraft - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/7/28 15:41

Dear Watered

Here is what I wrote last night that I referenced in my pm to you. I am glad that you are not overwhelmed by all the posts.

One thing I know, and like about you, is that you already have a sense of the danger. Many don't. At least some of your friends probably don't. Where did that sense come from? How were you so quick to see the problem in the HP thread? 17 seems young to me for such discernment. At 17 I would not have even questioned that. I am praying for you this night. God must have something wonderful for you in light of your sensitivity to Him.

Now to some sisterly mothering. (Is that possible?)

About percentages: Would you jump off a high cliff into wonderful blue ocean water, experiencing 1000 delicious feelings if I could only tell you for certain that 25% of the people who did that received spinal cord injuries that resulted in lifelong paralysis? Even until you are 1000% certain, persuaded by the Word of God, how close to witchcraft do you want to come? Yikes!

Even the World knows. Would it matter if I told you about the research findings even the World knows: It takes 18 seconds of viewing violence for a measurable difference in aggressive play to be observed in young children on the playground. What do you think about, say, 18 hours for adults?

Look for lessons. Now you have already encountered the pull to keep on going in "that" direction. That is your flesh, like craving but not quite that bad. I would not be surprised if, when you don't play with your friends, a few of them make arguments about this not being a danger spiritually (if any talk about spiritual things). They could even make a joke about you. That will be like mild persecution by blind people or those less drawn by God that you are. Think ahead how you will respond and remember Psalm 1

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (There is more) **See the choices?** See the progression: walk, stand, sit down.*

Real Warcraft. I don't know these games but you have described them well enough. They are built on imaginations "a lot of magic and stuff like that" – imaginations that are different from reality. Magic imaginations, that are different from the reality that a born-again believer learns to walk in. Have you ever thought it silly that adults dress-up like Darth Vader? Spend buckets of money on stuff like that while they are deep in charge-card debt?

Magic imaginations lift themselves up against the **Knowledge of God**. Your brothers and sisters here are telling you that a stronghold can be forming in you. We are talking about real spiritual things. Look at what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

*3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our **warfare** are not carnal, but mighty through God to the **pulling down of strong holds;**) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself **against the knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Think of the hours spent by everyone in these imaginations. And if you ask them, they actually say they feel like they did something, for real, real feelings of accomplishment. Hello! Better to become good at something real, something that will build your character, something that will last for eternity in the Kingdom of God. Did you hear in the Corinthians passage what the road-block to more knowledge of God was? Few ever notice that in themselves for years, if ever. They just don't grow in Christ, or worse.

Sorry to run on so. I know real, live, people that got sucked into magic imaginations. I also only recently "got it" that what Jesus said about there being two Kingdoms is true: Two: the Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness. Somehow, I kept leaving open the possibility that there were more than two. Tell me, which Kingdom does this game World of Warcraft fit into?

As you fill up all of you with Him (Bible study, prayer, Godly sermons, autobiographies of young men God has used, etc.)

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, the very things you need will stand out to you. Trust God. Many people here on this site are here for you anytime. You have discernment, as I said, even to be asking.

Edit: Good job young man! Now how can you get that claw-hold off your computer? Watch to see if there is more pull on your flesh, even through your friend, and respond immediately. A friend will find another place to store such things or maybe choose to walk with you another way, doing something else. Keep us posted.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/7/28 16:17

Quote:
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Such a quick and sincere response is commendable. Well done.

It can often be a tough thing for us, regardless of our age, to uninstall the game and delete our main character. ...I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Blessings,

MC

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/7/28 16:17

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CARD GAMES

Thanks

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/7/29 18:57

WOW...that was some serious encouragement thank you so much, i'm really happy that i have a family in Christ, and that i have a place to go and ask questions, that helps out alot. Man, i was speechless at first, when i read some of the posts that people posted back, thanks much for them. About that game that i played, WOW, well i must say there is a tug to reinstall the game and then go and reinstate my character, but it's not that strong of a temptation, but i kind of thought about this and i thought to myself that it is all about the captin of our Salvation Jesus Christ and that if i am saved, then even if i would run and start reinstalling and keep on playing WOW then my Lord would come and get me back, it's a really hard thing to run from God cause he is really big, and you kind of dont know where to run. This game is kinda bad tho, when i look back at it i must say there is alot of Demonic stuff in it, like alot, but i guess the real problem with the game was its idolatry and the fact that i played that game more then i would spend time in seeking the Lord. I would like to start playing the game again though, cause most of my frinds started playing again, but i dont know if i will because mostly i am afraid , because i am afraid of living in rebellion. I need some more help. But i will pray more about this. Thank you very very much again.

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Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/7/29 20:01

Hi Watered,

I have a 17-year-old son and I am very pleased that you were concerned about this and also brave enough to take action even though it may cost you friends.

I asked my son if he had heard of this game and he said that he had but that he didn't play it. He has some pretty good friends from church and they pretty well help one another stay away from things they know they shouldn't do.

I was pleased to hear my son say that he has had plenty of opportunities to take drugs and other things he knew wasn't right from people at school, but because he knew the Lord didn't want him to, and because he had respect for me and his mother and how we raised him, that he resisted the temptation.

He has a few friends that want to stay clean and they kind of hang together a lot. You need friends that can help one another stay clean before the Lord and help one another stay out of trouble.

Just the other day he told me about this guy who got in trouble with drugs and that he and a couple of his friends had been trying to tell him to quit what he was doing and not to hang around those that would drag him down. He said to me, Dad, it is stupid to let a person pressure you and cause you to do things that is not good for you. He said to me, I like being in control and I'm not going to do something that is going to take control over me.

Watered, think about your freedom in Christ and your relationship with Him that is most important. Don't let anything come between you and your Lord. Don't let anything or anyone have control over your life because you have been bought with a high price and you are the Lord's freeman.

Blessings in Christ -rbanks

Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/7/30 21:28

watered, I'd like to address this again later. Do you have friends that know the Lord? Where are they? Are you hanging out with them? I challenge you to seek good company and read the historic adventures in Genesis, Judges and the books of the Kings, Chronicles and Samuel.

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Amen...Keep listening to sermons and reading articles on SI too it will build your faith. There is always good company here.

Re:, on: 2008/7/31 10:03

This is a really great thread because instead of trying to justify playing this game, you have honestly asked and listened to the advice you've gotten here. Unfortunately this is rare. I'm very encouraged by your heart.

I think when it comes to games, TV, movies, books, music... etc, look at everything like this in light of **Phillipians 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.

If you make this your guideline for anything having to do with entertainment... you can't go wrong.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/7/31 21:51

well i have reinstalled the game and i will be reinbuting my character and i will start playing again. I know this might sound shocking but i will pray that i get discernment and i will try to discern for myself if this game is bad to play. I will observe for a while, my life and the way i act and then make my desicion. Thank you very much.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/7/31 22:33

It is not shocking, it is sad. You are making a choice that is yours to make. You are choosing to rebel against God. He gave you the discernment, and you turned to Him, but now you are choosing to turn away.

Satan has you fooled into thinking that you are in control - that you will be able to know what is right and wrong. It is the same trick he played on Adam and Eve. But the problem is, once you turn from God, you are in the dark and are no longer able to see your own sin because you have turned from the light.

This "game" of life is real. After you die, you will be not be able to "reinstall" or "reinbute."

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/7/31 23:28

*I fight authority, Authority always wins
I been doing it since I was a young kid
I come out grinnin'
I fight authority, Authority always wins
So I call up my preacher
I say, "Give me strength for Round 5."
He said , "You don't need no strength, you need to grow up son."*

John Cougar Mellencamp

(http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id20768&forum34&post_id&refreshGo) "Sober-Mindedness Pressed Upon Youth" Matthew Henry sermon modernized and in installments

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/7/31 23:42

Quote:

-----I will observe for a while, my life and the way i act and then make my desicion.

You've already made one decision... to quit. Then you've made another to begin again. Will you then make yet one more to quit?

Young brother, neglect discipline now, and it will not come any easier when you are older. All of us should remember that when we allow weakness to have it's way in our character, life doesn't get easier as we intend, but rather much harder.

You say you want to observe your life. Well, can you observe that you committed to quitting, but found you couldn't? Doesn't this obsession concern you enough? The worrisome issue here isn't World of Warcraft, but indolence. Don't give in, young brother! Stir yourself up, and be strong and sober minded!

"My sin is that my heart is pleased or troubled as things please or trouble me, without my having a regard to Christ." (Valley of Vision.)

Stay in touch,

MC

Re: So, it's an experiment, is it? - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/8/1 1:17

We hear you Watered, and love you.

Oh sweetie, do you hear yourself?

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***but i dont know if i will because mostly i am afraid, because i am afraid of living in rebellion. Â...But i will pray more about this.** So like what was the answer to your prayer that helped you loose your fear of living in rebellion and make your decision to Â“reinstall/rebootÂ”? About living in rebellion, did you mean like, **make my desicion**. I guess you are now hoping Brother Greg (Sermonindex) is wrong and you will be able to tell.*

We hear you Watered. You know you are loved. We are not going anywhere and you can tell us how things go. In fact I think one good criterion you might consider, as an assessment of your behavior is your continued contact here.

Maybe even post results weekly. Like # hours in this or that, types of thoughts, actions, whatever you think would help you with your decision. I just heard on the radio: Â“No good thing will God withhold from those who walk uprightlyÂ” How about that as a measure? You have our interest and attention (hopefully God's too?) Oh my, from the Christian radio program Â“God disciplines those He loves.Â” Now some people value being loved that way. I guess I can understand that. Can you tell I am trying to think on Philippians 4:8

Oh yea, rebellion is like witchcraft so that kinda fits. Maybe assessing if your degree of rebellion (rule breaking, etc.) increases in other things would be a good measure. You would know the best measures. Tell us. We can all learn here.

Keeping myself in the Love of God,
Joan

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/8/1 10:38

oh man, i'm living in rebellion? I dont want to live in rebellion. What do i do?

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/8/1 11:50

Are you kidding?

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/1 12:42

Quote:

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This is exactly what I've been beginning to think.

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/8/1 12:43

No sir, not at all. I'm very sorry if it appears that way. Its just that this my most favorite game and it is pretty much the only game that i play, it is hard for me to give it up. I just dont know what to do, part of me says that it is ok to play and th is is not rebellion becuase it is just a game and teh other part says that maybe you guys are right and i should jsut give a way my account and just forget about this game. Thats why i am confused.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/1 12:58

Walter, this flip-flopping back and forth and then rushing back here to give us all the details is a little strange. You already know this game is wrong, God (if you are saved) has already given you light on it, otherwise you wouldn't have raised the question in the first place. It's like people who come in here and ask questions about drinking and smoking and whet her such practices are permissible for the Christian. They already know the answer in their heart, for God has spoken His will concerning these things to them in the past. The only matter now is your obedience to the light God has given you, but such a thing shouldn't necessitate the odd rollercoaster this thread has become.

Re: - posted by Lor_E (), on: 2008/8/1 13:00

Dear Watered,

I have been reading this for awhile now, and I hope you don't mind if I add to it.

I just want you to know, that the reason that you had questions about it to begin with is in reality conviction. When God puts a questioning in our hearts He is really telling us that there is a BIG reason to question it. Regardless of what "thing" it may be.

There are many things in this life that we can say to ourselves, "Well, it's only....."; and that is where the enemy of our soul wants us to be, trying to legitimize something that just needs to be put away from ourselves.

Playing with anything, a game, a habit, a thoughtlife that is questionable can become rebellion towards God when we choose to do what we want instead of giving into what God wants.

We must ask ourselves, all of us must, what does God really want us to do with our time, our energy, our thoughts? Is it to play with things that cause us to be in a questionable position? No, probably not.

This whole life is a spiritual battle, and when we give up those things that are held within our imagination, we can then, and only then, begin on those things that are within the realm of reality, within the realm of who we truly are. Those things that God wants us to become, not just for ourselves, but for the glory of His kingdom.

*Casting down every imagination, and everything that exalts **itself** against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

This is what we all must do, regardless of age, regardless of issue, regardless of our own way, we must all choose to bring the inner life into the obedience of Christ.

And while it may seem difficult at the beginning, it becomes very precious, and the benefits that we gain from this obedience are more wonderful than anything we gain from anything that we "play" with.

Praying that you receive the grace to lay down all for Christ's sake.

**Love in Christ,
a sister**

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Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/8/1 13:30

I'll give a testimony, when I was saved, after some time a week or two, I felt as you do watered, it was not games but music, I had a great collection and thousands of songs albums in a folder on my computer, one of my greatest passions was music, I listened several hours a day to this kind of music, my flavor was hip hop and rap.

But God gave me light and I was sitting before my computer and thinking should I delete it?

I thought no and pushed it forward made some excuses it's only music and on and on.

but God was speaking and I went back and I deleted the whole folder.

I tell you it hurt, like a sword going through me inwardly.

but the result from this pain was freedom!

I became totally free from it afterwards, praise God. I can still quote out the worst ungodly lyrics I learned by memory ten years ago, it still sits there in the back of my head.

But I tell you it was worth it, and I see it as a gift God showed me the wonder and majesty of the godly music that is available out there.

As goes for video games, we can be legalistic, I think you can play just as you can play football or whatever, but we have to see to it that it doesn't consume us. This wow game is I think as others have said very bad and demonic inspired.

and thinking of those hours played now invested in prayer and bible study, and then look back a year from now. What blessing can flow through your life! what revelation of God you may enjoy!

you may sit at his feet and drink from water that will not make you thirsty again.

And if you can't give it up, "cut of the hand"

it's better to walk through life that way....

I pray you will obey God's voice.

Re: Can Some One Give me Advice on a Game I play - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/8/1 14:27

I thought today's devotional from Oswald Chambers fit here

He comes where He commands us to leave. If you stayed home when God told you to go because you were so concerned about your own people there, then you actually robbed them of the teaching of Jesus Christ Himself. When you obeyed and left all the consequences to God, the Lord went into your city to teach, but as long as you were disobedient, you blocked His way. Watch where you begin to debate with Him and put what you call your duty into competition with His commands. If you say, "I know that He told me to go, but my duty is here," it simply means that you do not believe that Jesus means what He says.

He teaches where He instructs us not to teach. "Master . . . let us make three tabernacles . . ." (Luke 9:33).

Are we playing the part of an amateur providence, trying to play God's role in the lives of others? Are we so noisy in our instruction of other people that God cannot get near them? We must learn to keep our mouths shut and our spirits alert . God wants to instruct us regarding His Son, and He wants to turn our times of prayer into mounts of transfiguration. When we become certain that God is going to work in a particular way, He will never work in that way again.

He works where He sends us to wait. ". . . tarry . . . until . . ." (Luke 24:49). "Wait on the Lord" and He will work (Psalm 3

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7:34). *But don't wait sulking spiritually and feeling sorry for yourself, just because you can't see one inch in front of you! Are we detached enough from our own spiritual fits of emotion to "wait patiently for Him"? (Psalm 37:7). Waiting is not sitting with folded hands doing nothing, but it is learning to do what we are told.*

These are some of the facets of His ways that we rarely recognize.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/1 14:52

Brother, I remember not long after being born-again that the Lord put His finger on my CD collection. I had - by the world's standards - a very nice and expensive collection of great CD's. The complete Beatles, Dylan, Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Hendrix, Traffic, Zeppelin, Grateful Dead, and not to mention the best jazz, the very best blues, folk. I had some real good stuff, hard to find, and I knew there wasn't any question what needed to be done. When I took the CD's (thousands of dollars and many years worth of CD's) to the second-hand store, the beatnik-looking guy behind the counter glared at me like I had ten heads.

"Uh..you're...like, *giving* us all this stuff?"

At that moment I got my first real taste of what it felt like to be a fool for the sake of the gospel. I didn't sense the urge to burn them, as many would have proposed. I just knew they had to go. After the music, the Lord fingered all my books and movies. I won't even go into that.

After music, books, and movies...the Lord took away my favorite pasttime - tournament chess. After my chess games came under the blade, the next to fall was my fifteen-year love affair with classical guitar and Johann Sebastian Bach.

Brethren, our God is so jealous. He took the crows from Elijah; He took the gourd from Jonah, and He'll take away anything and everything that would elbow its way into your heart to dethrone the supremacy of Christ's joy. That is, He will lay the axe to the root if you have asked Him to. If you ask God to deal drastically with you each time a new idol rears its head in your life, He will.

This is one prayer God always answers an unconditional "yes" to, and He does it swiftly and lethally.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/1 15:40

And the reward for all of this "sacrifice" is more of Himself. It is only a sacrifice up to the point that we let it go because the moment we let go of our false treasure, there is room for the True Treasure. And He - HE is truly a treasure beyond all measure. Before God becomes a strong presence in our life, everything is empty and void - but we can't see it because we are in the darkness. The absolute beauty and fulfillment of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is beyond description.

He is truly the only thing that I have experienced that actually gets better with time - everything else fades in comparison.

Re: a double minded man? - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/8/1 20:31

Watered said: *No sir, not at all. I'm very sorry if it appears that way. Its just that this my most favorite game and it is pretty much the only game that i play, it is hard for me to give it up. I just dont know what to do, part of me says that it is ok to play and this is not rebellion because it is just a game and the other part says that maybe you guys are right and i should just give away my account and just forget about this game. Thats why i am confused.*

From past posts, it appears that you believe essential truth about God, man, and Jesus. I am thinking you are being drawn by God to grow. Ouch. Pretty soon double-mindedness is not going to work for you. What does double-minded mean? Why does the Word of God say a double-minded man is unstable in ALL his ways? Hint: because he is.

Want to see what I mean? Pick any sin (what God calls sin), that you are "100% certain" is a sin (you think God's thoughts after Him). Like from dating, cheating on tests, something real. Now fill in the blanks in the paragraph below. You will soon see that double-mindedness is a mental condition, like IQ and affects ALL ways.

Its just that this my most favorite.... insert any sin and it is pretty much the only insert any excuse, it is hard for me to give it up. I just dont know what to do, part of me says that it is ok to continue to sin and this is not rebellion which is like witchcraft because it is just a insert a view that contradicts God's Word o

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n the subject.... and teh other part says that maybe oops the maybe secret is out.... you guys are right U s????? and i should jsut it is never an easy just do something and just forget about this insert the sin Thats why i am insert any thing except deluded, in bondage, blind, going to keep on doing things my way

At the moment you wrote your post there was the hard fact of "this is my most favorite" I don't hear any "maybe/uncertainty" there. It sounds like hard fact against "the other part that says maybe you guys" Are you saying "maybe" because you are only hearing "you guys?" Where did God go? Of course other moments, it's the opposite. That's what "a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" means. James 1: 5-8, James 4:8

How many times do you have to "just" something and then fail, before you get it that it is NOT a "just" sort of thing you are grappling with at this point? It kinda looks like a foundation for a stronghold of rebellion. Maybe not.

Want another example? Look at what you said: *oh man, i'm living in rebellion? I dont want to live in rebellion. What do i do?* Is "i'm living in rebellion?" a statement of truth or a question?

Maybe soon you will be able to say with Paul: "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Would you be angry if my prayer were that God give you faith and **no rest until you settle this issue between you and God?**

Why are all these people posting so much? Divine Love and having "come to the end of running our own show." "I don't want to be in rebellion I just want to do things my way not Yours. So God, You change Your Word on what rebellion is." The next step of a double minded man is unbelief/false doctrine: "or I'll change it for you." The Big picture: It's not a single game. Settle the Big picture. Release is wonderful. Rest is easy.

I am for God in you.

Re: - posted by jlosinski, on: 2008/8/2 1:00

Sorry if I'm just a bit suspicious about this thread, sounds like you may be paying lip service towards us, those who do care about reaching people in willful sin.

For what it's worth, God has recently brought me to a place where I had to draw a line in the sand, to obey or not. Because of that and by His grace, I've repented of my self-sufficiency and He has undeservedly opened my mouth and my heart to witness to the lost and pass out the Gospel without shame or embarrassment.

Water, nothing will grow your faith or dependence on Jesus Christ more than bearing public witness of Him to those that hate Him. Pray. Read the Word. Share our faith.
Joe

young brother, on: 2008/8/2 8:11

I'm choosing my words carefully, as I have a son, and I haven't read any of the posts written back to you, so let me ask you a question:

what does your heart tell you?

on one hand, we can term it "harmless fun", or "Dad, don't be so uptight".

on the other hand, believe this, sometimes in this world, there are things, maybe games, that have spirits attached to them, and young brother sometimes these spirits are unwholesome, and when a game begins to "suck you in", meaning you get obsessive about playing it, there are forces at work way beyond anything that honors God.

I don't mean to sound pharasaical, but if a game has features such as "casting spells", I ask you, is this of God?...and if it isn't of God, what is it?

So much of the 21st century world, and the cyber world is designed to lure a young person into darkness, whether it be "harmless" games, or social networking sites (which are platforms for adult predators to run rampant) or even the temptation of easy access internet porn. If it is not OF Christ, it is anti-christ, and without instilling needless fear, satan is a cunning

ng foe, he knows exactly how to seduce young people into following his death trip.

But you needn't fear him, he is already defeated, but in the time we have left, you better believe he is going to do everyting he can to subvert you from the Love of Jesus. That's a given.

short story from my youth, I had friends who were heavily into Dungeons and Dragons.(a pre-internet WOW game) I was nt, it bored me. I left their company for a while, and when I came back, 4 months later, guess what? My two friends who had sunk so deeply into this game had begun to worship at a "temple of satan"...serious, they were hanging with satanic worshippers. I witnessed one of my friends actually become "possessed", with a full-fledged manifestation of demonic possession, very frightening for me to see, as I did not know Jesus. true story. The friend that got possessed was never the same again, straight A student, and last I heard he was a card dealer in Las Vegas, in fear of his life, because he turned into a degenerate gambler who owed lots of money to other gamblers. sad, true story.

he had "opened" the door, and stepped in.

suggestion? just try this; get on your knees and ask Jesus what He would have you do with this game.

I know its hard, this world is a very very gnarly place that "looks" good on the outside, but if you peel back the layers, you'll see how rotten the core is.

from a Dad, natan

young brother 2, on: 2008/8/2 8:51

as I was reading the morning papers, I stumbled upon this article. I think it might underline my point, about what the "world" lifts up and thinks is cool:

August 2, 2008

Book Stokes Vampire Fever at Stores' Parties

By JULIE BOSMAN

When the Changing Hands bookstore in Tempe, Ariz., hosted a book signing in 2005 to promote a new local author, Stephenie Meyer, the response for a first-time novelist was typically lukewarm.

"Maybe 50 people showed up," recalled Cindy Dach, the store's general manager. "And I'm pretty sure most of them were her friends and family."

Three years later, "Breaking Dawn," Ms. Meyer's fourth and final book in her Twilight vampire-romance series (which began with the best-selling novel "Twilight") was unveiled on Friday night with thousands of parties across the country to mark its officially going on sale at 12:01 a.m.

It was released amid confident predictions from bookstores that it would be the industry's blockbuster of 2008.

Sydney Noel, 13, who had won a nationwide sweepstakes to fly to New York, have a private half-hour meeting with Ms. Meyer and then be handed the first copy to go on sale at midnight, could not believe her luck. "It means a lot to a Twilight fan," said Sydney, a Seattle eighth grader. "I never thought anybody ever won these things. To get the first book — it's amazing."

"This is certainly going to be the biggest book of the year, without a doubt," said Diane Mangan, the director of the children's department for Borders Group.

Barnes & Noble planned to hold vampire-theme parties in more than 600 of its stores on Friday night, and invited readers to arrive in costume, socialize and play Twilight trivia. Borders Group was expecting more than 100,000 fans at 900 Twilight-theme parties at its Waldenbooks and Borders stores.

Katie Herzer, 14, showed up at Wordsmiths Books in Decatur, Ga., an Atlanta suburb, a couple of hours before the books were to go on sale. "We got really sad when Harry Potter was over," she said. "It's great to find a new series we can read and maybe grow old with."

Wordsmiths had been decked out to resemble a vampire prom, with red-and-black balloons and a photo area decorated with black crepe. Some 175 people had R.S.V.P.'d to attend the store's party and were told to dress in red and black. Many wore buttons reading "I Was Bitten by Breaking Dawn." A goth band was to play vampire tunes.

In New York, several hundred people, most of them teenage girls, were spread around two floors of the Borders bookstore near Madison Square Garden. Three makeup artists were decorating faces—white makeup with red lipstick, fake tattoos and gruesome red scratch marks ("Everyone deserves to look like a vampire," said Grace Quinones, 29, one of the volunteer artists)—while a fortune teller sat at a table in the window. There was a fashion show and a trivia contest. Upstairs, a heated debate was under way about which boy the series' heroine should end up with, Edward the vampire or Jacob the werewolf.

"There's a lot of conflict between the characters," said Dan Dupuis, 27, of Fall River, Mass., his face white, his lips red. "It really draws you in." He paused before adding, "I'm an Edward fan."

His wife, Jessica Dupuis, 25, also in full vampire makeup, piped up happily, "I'm a Jacob fan."

Mr. Dupuis noted: "That starts some fights at home."

Both chain stores and independent booksellers said they were hoping to tap into the intense devotion, unseen since last July, when the final installment in the Harry Potter series sent readers to midnight parties in droves.

In interviews Ms. Meyer, 34, has resisted comparisons to J. K. Rowling, whose Harry Potter series has 140 million copies in print in the United States, according to its publisher.

"It's a completely different story line and a completely different fan base," said Kim Brown, the vice president for specialty books at Barnes & Noble. "But what it does have in common is that it's all based on word of mouth."

While the Harry Potter series was geared more toward middle-school children, Twilight is aimed at high school girls.

The Twilight series tells the story of Bella, an innocently angst-ridden teenage girl who must choose between her two suitors.

Beyond their fan base of teenage girls, and a handful of boys, the books have also been embraced by conservative-minded women in their 20s and 30s who praise the squeaky-clean morals of the books' teenage heroine. (She and Edward kiss now and then, but that's about it, and the vampires drink animal blood rather than human blood.)

"It's sensual without being erotic or explicit," said Ms. Mangan of Borders. "Moms and daughters can read it and have conversations about abstinence."

Ms. Meyer is a graduate of Brigham Young University who lives outside Phoenix with her husband and three young sons. She chafes at constant mentions of her Mormon religion in the press. ("You didn't hear people saying, 'Jon Stewart, Jewish writer,' when his book came out," she told USA Today.)

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Ms. Meyer's publisher and a division of Hachette Book Group, has printed 3.2 million copies, the largest first printing in the publisher's history. The first novel, "Twilight," has spent 49 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list and will be released as a film in December.

Yet despite Ms. Meyer's enormous following and her perch on the best-seller lists, she is far from a household name.

That includes close to home, said Ms. Dach of the Changing Hands bookstore, which planned its own midnight party, complete with two rock bands and a Red Cross bloodmobile.

"Even in Arizona," Ms. Dach said, "there are people who are like, 'Who? What?'"

At Wordsmiths, Hannah Thrasher, 14, clutched the precious copy she'd bought just after midnight after driving 90 minutes with her mother from their home in Gilmer County, Ga. "I was planning on reading it all through the night," she said. "But my mom says I have to go to sleep."

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Re: young brother 2 - posted by Watered, on: 2008/8/2 16:32

I'm done, not only have i deleted my character,uninstalled the game and canceled my subscription i am also giving my account away to my friend, he will change the account information and the password and the account will now belong to him. So once i give him the account it will be as though i do not own the game. I now have peace, and i am actually quite happy. I know would like to seek my God, ask him for forgiveness for my rebellion and repent of this sin. Thank you very much everyone for how you helped me through this, I greatly appreciate it.

Re: Now walk - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/8/2 17:23

:D Can you sense God's pleasure? Take that next step, and the next one. Quick. Door closed and locked, the end.

Do not look back (as Lots wife did).

And stick around here as you can. Many strong men of God with pia maters and dura maters to spare. :-) Tell us how/what you are doing with all the time you will now have. :-)

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/8/2 17:35

I'll give you a advice, now when you will have some extra time over :-)

Take your bible, a paper a pen and go through some preachers teachings, I encourage you to go through Zac Poonens "through the bible" and his superb series called "from Babylon to Jerusalem".

Also I recommend go through some of the older preachers, take some of Tozers series from the books on the bible, take the titus series, very good for young men, i found it so for myself.

Just an advice, I'll pray for you

Christian

Re: innocent amusements - posted by boG (), on: 2008/8/2 23:03

While it would appear that this particular situation is more or less diffused, praise God; please, allow me some suggested reading for all Christians desiring holiness in every aspect of their time spent in this world.

Power From On High - Innocent Amusements
by Charles G. Finney

http://www.gospeltruth.net/1944power_from_on_high/power09.htm

Come on this is Charles Finney! Mind you, this is merely a single chapter of this precious book, Power From On High. If you would like to read this collection of sermons by Charles Finney, take the following link:

http://www.gospeltruth.net/1944power_from_on_high/power.htm

SI also hosts this particular collection of sermons, however, the chapters are all out of order ... :-)

Re: - posted by tullyja, on: 2008/8/3 3:39

Watered,

When you ask for advice, especially on an internet forum, be sure you will get a lot! :-)

A lot of the advice on this page is good, I just want to be another testimony to it. On the other hand, having gone through a very similar struggle myself, I knew what other people thought of me and it made me hide what I was doing from them, so I never got free from my addiction to computer games...etc. until I knew that it was Jesus that wanted me to quit. Then I was willing to obey His voice.

Listen to godly brethren tell you the truth but always look to Jesus. In all our struggles, we can be more than conquerors through Him. His Word is our light. Scriptures like the following were helpful for me:

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Colossians 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Romans 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God... 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

May God bless you!

- Jeff

Re: Get ready - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/8/3 15:57

I'm glad you made that step, Watered. Your greater battle will come when you have that compulsion, that demon induced lust to play again. I say that to incite you to be prepared by especially absorbing God's word. I have bought the same game five times. There are several that held me captive. I'm the guy that would spend good money on a game system, sell it and buy another one later. I know the battle well. It was nothing to play 10 hours without stopping...and only then because my hands literally wouldn't move right.

The games were to me a false adventure that I longed for. They met my God giving desires for building and strategizing, among other things. There is a chemical released that creates a kind of "high", an excitement, when you play...you probably relate to that. Notice how it effects your relationships poorly when you're into the game? Notice how easily irritated you get when you can't play as much as you like?

I'd recommend you stay away from the computer and places you will be pulled into temptation. Remember the question about the friends? Are you hanging with kids that know the Lord? Another help is being active; be outside in the fresh air...go into the woods and walk ...etc...

You don't have to pretend and live in a false adventure. God made you for a reason. There really is a war going on. There really is a Dark Prince that rules this world. You are a pilgrim passing through on a journey, an ambassador for the country of the Great King that is also your real home in which you are a citizen. You are instructed to put on armor for a reason and to be a good soldier of Christ.

It will take sitting in His presence, fighting for all your worth not to respond to the pulls and tugs to go do something else (even good things). John 14:21 makes a promise...that if you do it the King will make Himself real to you. Seek Him and meditate on His word and you will begin to see the "Matrix" for what it is. Wait on Him and he will lead you through the path of this decaying world to His glorious kingdom.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/3 16:11

Quote:

-----Another help is being active; be outside in the fresh air...go into the woods and walk ...etc...

This is excellent advice. God has shown me many things when I have been out in His creation - things that are much more interesting, and challenging, than a simple computer game. Oh, praise the Lord for all that He is doing in your life!

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/8/3 17:12

Yes sir, i TOTALLY understand. I mean I'm going through some serious temptation. I mean i remember last year i played this game, i played it into around half way first semester of junior year(something like that i remember it was still first semester) and God just crushed this game i mean i quit in like a day, almost no temptation and such but i still would watch world of warcraft videos but i soon repented of doing that. i guess the reason i am more tempted than i was last year is because this time i deleted my character and if more that a week or two goes by(something like that) i will not be able to reinbute him, and i guess that is why i am so tempted i spent around 600 hours playing my character over around two summers (i didn't play over much of the school year). But yea whatever its cool, i also remember that over Christmas i got an xbox 360 and i got Halo 3 and i remember that after a little while God gave me the conviction that Christians should not be playing games like that so i returned my Xbox 360 and the game, and their was like no temptation at all. I don't know why I'm having so much trouble with this game. But yea you are so right when you say go out and don't think about it and don't look back, that helps out a lot. I just want more of God in my life, i want him to be my everything. Greater and greater measures of himself, and if this game is blocking that, then i guess "to the wind with all of it". I remember Junior year, second semester was the MOST amazing time of my life, my whole life style was seeking God. On average i would listen to one or two sermons a day during like a 4 month period. But God is so much more fun than any video game i ever played, its just that when i played Wow i was seeing that i was getting farther from God,at first i was like "oh this game isn't that bad its just for fun, and its just fantasy stuff" but after a while my heart grew harder and harder and i stopped listening to as many sermons as i did before and i did not read Scripture as much as i ought too and i really did not have any peace in my life. But now i just want more of God in my life, a passion for him to serve and honor and reverence and appreciate my God as i ought to. And NOT to waste time as i usually do. I'm sorry if i said anything wrong or if i made a mess of things.

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/8/4 7:16

RPG's- these games place you in the seat as a character and a creator, they offer the excitement of adventure that most men need to fulfill purpose in their lives. Men were created to conqueror. Even young men. As with all of lifes "tough" choices where temptation enters in, it's always best to put off only to put on. Stop doing something, only to start doing something else. Your long range success in this endeavor will be your ability to re-focus the energy and drive you have toward some godly passion and pursuit. The key really will be for you to discover what exactly is it that you are passionate about in the things of Jesus Christ, than go for that with all your heart. Put Off/Put On. Stop playing WOW/But start doing?? ???

God Bless,brother daryl

Re: - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/8/4 23:21

The fog is clearing, keep the focus sharp.

God gave me the conviction so i returned my Xbox and their was like no temptation at all. There is a pattern here to remember. Praise God that in His mercy and grace He again gave conviction.

so i returned my Xbox 360 and the game, and their was like no temptation at all. I don't know why I'm having so much trouble with this game. Try this: Back then, you used one of the weapons (sword) "Make no provision for sin." **Now, the door is not shut yet.** It is as though, as you tell it now, your old man is on the Cross, "being" crucified with Him. In a couple of weeks he'll be dead. OK, read Phi 3:10 and enter into **the fellowship of His sufferings.** "Take me down. Take me down. I'll be good", the old man cries.

its just that when i played and i really did not have any peace in my life. Hello! You are describing the real war now, and your real life, your eternal life, depends on what you do. The Spirit in you was not quenched. It can be you know. While you were sleeping (the door not shut and locked, but i still would watch world of warcraft videos), the enemy of your soul was bringing in, piece by piece the foundation of a demonic stronghold. Every stimulant (now crack) addict would say, "Gee it didn't use to be a problem, there was 6 months when I didn't even think about" Want to hear a dumb question: "Let's see, if I return to this, it will be easier to quit next time, right?"

The brothers here are telling you true things about men. Men as God made them. Everyone knows David should have been with his men, in the real war, when he fell to temptation. Go get with the Men of God. The real warriors.

It is interesting that a thing (imaginary world) called "World of Warcraft", full of witchcraft (a kin to rebellion), has catapulted you into the reality of the Real War. And you haven't wrecked your marriage, job, testimony, etc., maybe just miss

ed a few things.

Yesterday a man of God shared that every time he is tempted by anything, he says the word "Sin!" He has seen the horror of sin. That keeps him. He whispers it when he is in a crowd. He is a preacher that has raised 9 children, all walking with God. My brother raises his arm (physically or in his mind) that holds the Shield of Faith and says that that is enough to quench the fiery dart. Maybe this is a man-thing.

Anyway, thank you for sharing this struggle and victories. We are all learning. Are you going to be an evangelist/preacher, or something? It seems you have that kind of hunger for God at times.

PS. The old man died 2000 years ago. Deader than a door-nail, don't you reckon. Any cries you hear are a lie from a liar. :-)

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/6 16:33

Hi Watered,
How is it going?

James 4:7 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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Amen HeartSong, I smoked marijuana and cigarettes for about 8 years and the Lord delivered me from them all cold turkey. He took all the desire away.

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Amen!

Re: The one-two punch - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/8/6 21:09

To round out the discussion on the devises that may be in play in games touching the occult, feeding the spirit of rebellion, we should mention the music that drives the flesh and helps open and lead a player. This elaborates on what the Brothers have posted and comes from an SI thread here called "Hells Bells".

I do not listen to/play these things but do recall a strong emotional response to some music when an undergraduate. A friend of mine put me onto this one-two punch combination. It could be good to type out the words to some of these game tunes. On second thought, "No it wouldn't."

Links with the warning given there:

WARNING: THIS DOCUMENTARY IS VERY GRAPHIC AND EXPLICIT. I WOULD CAUTION THOSE OF WEAK CONSCIENCE TO PRAYERFULLY WATCH THIS.

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Watered, I think you will understand this due to your having understood Harry Potter problems. This stuff just goes for the older ones. Many, maybe not all, music groups know what they are doing as this documents. There is a **rage against God** going on as you will see.

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/8/7 15:34

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Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/8/7 16:28

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Just asking watered.

Is your friend a christian and are his parents christians? Do they know what their child is doing?

The reason I ask is because when something is wrong it's not just wrong for you it is also wrong for your friend.

Now if your friend is not a christian then the bible tells us not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers. We are told to come out from among them and be ye separate. We are told to not join them but to reprove the works of darkness.

Eph 5:7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Eph 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Eph 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

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Eph 5:13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Get strong in the Lord and don't go around the temptation at least until you are strong enough to witness your faith.

Blessings in Christ!

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/7 16:47

Hi Watered,

Yes, the temptation will be there - the enemy will do all kinds of things to try and draw you back in - he is desperate for your soul. He will put things in your mind, he will have others say things to you, he will try and trick you. When I was going through the temptation I carried a small fabric cross in my pocket - and every time I thought I might give in I would touch it and say to myself "do I really want this thing that is trying kill me, or do I want Jesus - I choose Jesus!"

Just keep turning to Him Watered - just keep turning to Him.

He will save you. For that is His promise.

Re: The battle - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/8/7 22:27

Should the alcoholic, who just stopped drinking, sit with his friend in a bar and covet the man's impersonation of batman standing on the bar?

Why didn't it look like FUN, what you saw on the rock music video? Those at the concerts looked like they would say they were having fun. It did not look like fun to me.

Your games have that music and stuff from the same source. The video documents the purposeful INTENT of those who know about that music, write it, and perform it. You will probably live to see the documentary on these games. Maybe you will write it?

That music stuff is scary and scary is what you are dealing with too. Does it scare you that it looks like fun to you? Odd that the TRUTH about evil scares people but the EVIL itself does not.

And what did you do this summer? Fight the good fight Watered. You are in it and you have our prayers.

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/8/11 22:35

I'm very sorry that i am posting this again, i just would like to say what has happend. A few posts ago i said that i deleted my character and gave my friend the account well i did delete my character but a few days ago my friend reibuted him and because of that i got my account back from him. The reason i am saying this is becuase a few posts back i said that i deleted my character and gave my friend my account well now that did not happen because my character got reinbuted and because of that i choose to keep my account. Although i do not have the game installed on my computer and also my account expires in a day so even if i had the game installed i would not be able to play it unless i renewed my account, and i do not plan on doing that. The only thing that is wrong with this is that it doesnt 100% eliminate this game because i can always reinstall it and reactivate my account because i still own the account and my character are still thier, but i do not plan on doing this at all. Was this a bad choice? Did i do the wrong thing? Again i'm sorry i'm posting this i just wanted to say what happend . Thank you much.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/11 22:46

You need to delete it from your heart or it will always be after you - the Lord will do that for you if you ask Him.

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Re: - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/8/12 0:38

Amen, HeartSong.

Amen!

Re: - posted by Watered, on: 2008/8/27 20:54

i'm sorry i'm posting again but i need help and i have a question to ask. I am beggining to be really really disgusted by this game i mean i'm beginning to really hate it, and since most likly this game is bad i dont know what to do, i have my a ccount still lik ei still own the password and the account has my address and all of that stuff and i dont know what to do, do i just leave my account alone and forget about the game or do i log on my account and then make everthing random so that i can not log on my account (example: i make the password: a;fdajp;herkaf or somthing crazy like that and i mak e the e-mail: a;ldsfoeij@hotmail.com so i cant get the password back) becuae this is sort of bothering me because if thi s game is demonic or bad i dont want any hint of it in my life.

i kind of wanted to start playing this game on the weekend not on the weekdays because i kind of dont have time, but i a m afraid to sin and afraid to live in rebellion. The real problem was that i was not really convinced this game is bad and i am not gonna joke around, this game is alot of fun that is why i kind of wanted to play it so bad, becuae its just a really f un game to play. But since i asked your guys opinion on this game and most if not all of you guys said i should probably stop, well i am afraid of rebelling and sinning so i have not started playing again.

And i dont know if i was being convicted becuae this game was becoming an idol in my life aka being what i think about most and what i spend most of my time on or was i being convicted about the content of the game, i'm not exactly sure, maybe it was a little bit of both. I remeber i was sort of being convicted by the content of the game but over time i guess i kind of forgot the conviction and yea. But either way i kind of dont wanna play, i mean the game is alot of fun and it is f un to play when your bored and thier isnt really anything else to do but again as i siad i dont want to sin and rebel.

So if anyone cna help me out on what i should do with my game account, or give me some advice on that that would be great. Thank you much

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/27 21:43

Hello Watered,

There will always be temptation here on earth - no matter what you do. That is why the Lord is teaching you to turn the H im. When you stand in Him, the temptation can be right at your door but you will be safe in His loving arms. Ask Him wh at He would have you do - for He is the key to all things - only He knows what is the right thing to do in all situations.

For of Him, and through Him and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. -Romans 11:36

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/8/28 0:02

Watered,

I think this really needs to stop as it not getting you anywhere ... By stop I mean stop asking for advice.

The best any of us can do is give you an opinion and there are plenty here. The only thing you can do and should do is to decide for yourself. *You* and not any of us have to make up your mind. The one over arching question in situations lik e this is always, why did I bring it forth in the first place? If there wasn't something giving you some uncomfortably at the onset no reason would be necessary to be asking\seeking advice.

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Why? Many have advised you already and to do so again would produce ...? Are you looking for an excuse, something to soothe your conscience. something to make it alright? Or are you after a stinging reproach that will shame you into a decision?

Do you see brother that this is between you and the Lord ultimately? It may be that this is all harmless 'fun' but I do not believe you even believe that, hence your dilemma and back and forth wavering between two decisions.

Now what is equally important is that none of us need to know your decision, you do not have to report back here with updates of your deleting or reinstating your account ... how many times has it been already?

Part of growing up is decision making, making *your own* decisions not relying solely on the opinions of others. You live with the consequences and learn from them. You change your mind as more information comes and as your disposition is altered. You take things in and muse on them and hopefully compare it all with what God has already said.

Prayer. Even for someone likely twice your age I cannot tell you the importance of just praying, spending time alone with the Lord, pouring out your thoughts and disruptions and internal confusions, even this struggle you are having. It is not the answer that is immediate but the drawing off of yourself to Himself. It is almost very mysterious what the Lord will do in ways you are not really privy to until later - after some time has elapsed .. you do change despite yourself. It is often a battle and one that causes you to build some endurance to keep at it - something that will be transferable to the very struggles that you will have all throughout your life. I am not talking of sheer will power but cooperation out of obedience, something you must do - not 'have' to do.

This is far more than I care to go on about but I think the majority here want to be of some help to you and I am no different.

There are untold resources here brother, ply this site, dig into it's bowels, use the search engine and be creative. Challenge yourself to something deeper perhaps than a video game that has you so wound up over, are there not more pressing concerns all around you, even that your attention might be diverted to? Maybe you are in need of some sport to burn off excess energy, who knows? The possibilities are endless ...

I do not know what your capacity is at this stage to grasp this but will put it out for consideration;

(http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id8295&forum35&post_id&refreshGo) Others May, You Cannot

Please do not misunderstand that is not a dig. You may find that you can continue to do what you do without any issues whatsoever but if it is the Lord who is convicting you, you will know it - Don't harden your heart against Him.

I will pray for you brother but am going to go ahead and lock this post just as well.