

**General Topics :: Criminal Minds****Criminal Minds - posted by HeartSong, on: 2014/7/4 16:47**

My mother has been telling me for some time now about a television show that she enjoys that is called "Criminal Minds." Last night I decided to check it out and watched a short clip that the program had posted on their YouTube channel.

Well, I must say I left feeling somewhat disconcerted as within three minutes there was much yelling and shooting and someone got stabbed with an ice pick. I really should have repented at that point in time, but did not really think that any damage had been done until later in the night when I had strange dreams about buildings blowing up and new kinds of incendiary devices all mixed in with some weird kind of church service where the pastor leaped from a tall building to avoid an explosion.

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**Re: Criminal Minds - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/7/5 9:10**

Criminal Minds is about human nature and using the knowledge gained in understand how a criminal mind works in order to find that person. I think it is an excellent show because it is very analytical. I like psychology and it uses this as well to snuff out the person. It deals with what goes on in the real world but in a show atmosphere. The only bad part is that there are people who are bad in this world and do the very things that happen in this show. The great part is how the detectives can use evidence from the scene as well as human nature to put together the piece to get the person. Each person on the team has a different skill and when put together IT WORKS!

Look at it from that perspective and you will learn a lot from the show.

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2014/7/5 13:29**

I know this might sound crazy but... television is a form of mind control. To anyone who owns a television, please throw it out. Don't sell it. Destroy it. That might sound extreme.

As for Criminal Minds and such shows like it; for many years I was a couch potato. It has taken a long time to scrub that garbage out of my mind. Even "innocent programs" like nature shows etc. are largely a waste of time; that money you spend on televisions and monthly cable bills could be spent to propagate the gospel. The time you spend watching it could be spent in sweet communion with Jesus. Where is your heart? What would you rather be doing?

The following is part of an article by Chris M. Carmichael:

"If you experience "mind fog" after watching television, you are not alone. Studies have shown that watching television induces low alpha waves in the human brain. Alpha waves are brainwaves between 8 to 12 HZ. and are commonly associated with relaxed meditative states as well as brain states associated with suggestibility.

While Alpha waves achieved through meditation are beneficial (they promote relaxation and insight), too much time spent in the low Alpha wave state caused by TV can cause unfocused daydreaming and inability to concentrate. Researchers have said that watching television is similar to staring at a blank wall for several hours. In an experiment in 1969, Herbert Krugman monitored a person through many trials and found that in less than one minute of television viewing, the person's brainwaves switched from Beta waves-- brainwaves associated with active, logical thought-- to primarily Alpha waves. When the subject stopped watching television and began reading a magazine, the brainwaves reverted to Beta waves.

One thing this indicates is that most parts of the brain, parts responsible for logical thought, tune out during television viewing. The impact of television viewing on one person's brain state is obviously not enough to conclude that the same consequences apply to everyone; however, research involving many others, completed in the years following Krugman's experiment, has repeatedly shown that watching television produces brainwaves in the low Alpha range

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/7/5 16:56**

Drifter

Tell us of your experience of destroying your tv. Using that money to promote the Gospel and using that time to preach the Gospel? Tell us the difference it has made in your life as a result.

**Re: Criminal Minds - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2014/7/5 18:09**

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Great reminder about being very careful of what we feed our souls. It would not be so damaging to those who watch such trash if the mind could be equipped, like your kitchen sink, with a garbage disposal. Then you could flush away all the filth and be done with it, but the mind does not work that way. It stores up impressions for a lifetime. The only way to protect the mind is to expose it to only the best.

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/5 18:35**

I don't really believe in this mind control stuff. As very intelligent beings we can choose not to be controlled.

I understand that TV can have a numbing or relaxing effect because it doesn't require any effort to watch. That is why it has been called the boob tube for years.

I also agree that it is not good to put trash into our minds. Whether a show like Criminal Minds is trash or not is a matter of opinion. I have never seen it myself.

There are persons in the real world who have to deal with nasty stuff on a daily basis. Should a Christian never be a police officer? Or soldier? Or a child services worker? I have to deal with some unsettling things at my job on a fairly regular basis.

My point is that yes TV is fiction but it depicts things that really happen in real life and that real people have to deal with daily. We can stick our heads in the sand and pretend bad stuff doesn't happen but it surely does.

**Re: Criminal Minds, on: 2014/7/5 18:51**

I like what David had to say in Psalms 101: 3 I will set before my eyes no vile thing. Today it is common for people to be entertained by using their eyes to view violence, ect.... God's people must guard their hearts and eyes from viewing or being entertained by things that God himself regards as vile God call the righteous to hate and shun evil and to guard their lives and families by setting nothing before their eyes that would displease or grieve the Holy Spirit. Good for you Heart Song. You have a heart of David, a heart after God.

**Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/5 21:53**

im not take sides ,,becasue i dont have a tv ,,tho i do at times watch somes movies ,and many doctumentrys i try to allw ays find ones that have a eturnal relevance

when you out witnessing you may witness some vile things and in jobs like tmk said ,,but gods grace will cleanse our minds ,,but i do believe that tv music and movies are used by satan to conrole through sublinalmessages ,,and decenatising ,,and tv adiction ,,fleshly strongholds ,,its undeniable

lets not take david to far out of context ,,he killed thousands of people saw more blood then we can comprehend ,hated his enemeys ,,he saw so much violence that he was not aloud to build the temple

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/7/5 23:57**

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There has been more minds controlled by the junk on the internet, than anything in the history of mankind. So we either quit worrying about the tube, or all of us internet users just become hypocrites. I haven't heard of the tube showing anyone how to build a bomb yet, or seen any TV ads selling illegal drugs.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/6 9:29**

Mr bill you are absolutely right as I type this on my iPhone.

I think the internet and gaming has done far more damage than TV.

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/7/23 14:19**

I know some on this forum don't like Criminal Minds yet there is an ugly reality of life out there. Even simply someone who is an EMT sees the ugly side of life.

While Criminal Minds is a fictional in its story it does give insight into the human nature of people and what may be making some tick around us and we don't even realize it. That is a hard reality to grasp but it is very real.

To be a sleuth into human nature and try to figure out why someone has done a certain thing and follow their trail is very intriguing. I think these attributes can be used in all aspects of our life. That even includes our bible studies as well.

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**Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2014/7/23 17:31**

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<http://www.jesuscrew.net>

**Re: Criminal Minds - posted by savannah, on: 2014/7/23 21:01**

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Q2. Was Jesus sitting next to you as you watched?

Q3. What was His take on it...was He entertained?

Thanks for your honesty and sincerity in advance.

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**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/7/24 15:50**

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Q1. The show was more educational to me then it was entertaining. When I watch the show I focus in on the investigators and how they go about the clues to find the criminal.

Q2 Is a question that leads to Fundamental finger pointing. That is not your intention but that is how such a question comes across. Would you be shocked if I said yes?

Q3 Through the show it reveals to me the depths of the sickness of sin in people. It also informs of what things I can do in my own life to sniff out the ways of people as well just in their human habits. The heart is God's work. It can often be seen in a person's doing.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/24 18:46**

Amen deadn.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/24 18:56**

I might add that I wonder if Jesus was entertained when he ate with the prostitutes and tax collectors.

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<http://youtu.be/w7c-XY695hk>

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People are drawn to Jesus because He is full of Truth.

Fiction is the antithesis of Truth.

**Re: 2 Peter 3:11 - posted by savannah, on: 2014/7/26 5:19**

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And those who point out anything to them are labeled 'Fundamentalists' (whatever that has come to mean in their mind).

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Time will be swallowed up by eternity, so "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness (2 Peter 3:11).

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2014/7/26 15:01**

I was watching Texas Chainsaw Massacre the other day, and I really learned a spiritual lesson when the killer cut the victim in half with a chainsaw. It showed me how Jesus "cut our sins in half!"

Of course I'm being sarcastic, and I really do say this with humility, but I could get a "spiritual lesson" from anything. It is very easy to "christianize" our sin.

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(Ultra)Fundamentalists adheres to a strict set or principles or ideas. i.e. things as anal as women should have long hair and wear dresses and have no make up. Men should not have long hair. There usually is not bending in anything with Fundamentalism but there is usually some kind of finger pointing and 'God is not pleased' comments given.

**Re: UF - posted by savannah, on: 2014/7/27 6:52**

Certainly, I'm no ultra fundamentalist! But the apostle Paul...he may have been.

Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. 1 Cor. 11:14,15

\*\*\*\*Sidenote: Hey there drifter...wasn't the Texas Chainsaw Massacre a christian movie? Wasn't it produced by christian s(not the Fundamentalist type though,because it would probably be against their rules).

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/27 9:43**

I am pretty sure John the Baptist had really long hair, never having had it cut as he was a Nazarite from birth.

Didn't seem to bother Jesus at all. I mean He got baptized by him and everything.

Do you really think the apostles went around with buzz cuts?

Let's not be silly. I'll bet their hair was longer than (gasp) The Beatles!

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2014/7/28 13:13**

I used to have really long hair, and God told me to cut it.  
Now I keep my hair fairly short. (By the way, how long is long?)

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/28 14:12**

Drifter-

By the standard you posted, hair is too long between the time God tells you to cut it and when you see a barber.

**Re: Criminal Minds - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/8/13 17:35**

Greetings in christ HeartSong

I believe that you have raised a really good point, television effects our eye and ear gates and if not guarded by the holy spirit, the demonic realm can use these gates to invade our emotions and create fear and hoplessness with the intent to gain a stronghold to oppress us. God asks us to be innocent of evil and excellent in good. I work and am constantly around violence all the time and i can say that i learn more in action and direction of the holy spirit about the minds of criminals than any secular teachings and shows.

what ever is being placed before our ears and eyes effects the thoughts being gathered in our minds and we are instructed to bring every thought into captivity of christ and that at the end of everyday we need to wash our feet (thoughts) as these are under battle whilst we live on this earth and this battle is against principalities that stand against Gods truth.

I work with psychologists and psychiatrists and have done so for over 22 years with people who have "criminal minds" and i can say that God is not in those teachings, they are of men. it destroys hope and faith by ticking boxes and men taking charge in the situation rather than God.

for example i had a man that i just met who was very high up in the Biker world whos job was to sort out other bikers that didn't do what they were suppose to and he would have to accomplish this in the most vile manner. under the secular system he was placed in groups targeted for his behaviour and medically restrained to stop his violent behaviour (for years) i recieved a call from his brother saying that he smashing his house up and his girlfriend was absolutley terrified. this was about 6pm at night when all services had finished for the day. The holy spirit told me to go and see him. I did not know what to do so i sat in the car and prayed and god realeased a love into my heart for this man, whilst driving there the enemy kept bringing up all the conversations that his psycologist had said about him over the last month, this was an attempt to create fear in me but i prayed against this to have a mind set that was directed by the holy spirit. when i arrived at his house the holy spirit advised me that he needs to forgive someone. anyway i knocked on his door and when he opened the door, i calmly spoke in love to him "you are hurting bro" and i gave him a hug and then said to him that God had told him that he needs to forgive someone in his past, we had a prayer TOGETHER on the floor and as he forgave his ex-girlfriend who took his kids from him he gave his life to Jesus and then his new girlfriend gave her life to christ. there were so many tears from us all. i didnt see him again for about 3 months and out of the blue he turned up with a beautiful smile on his face, had a bible in his hand and advised me that he has been preaching to other bikers and some very famous kingpin outlaws.

It is not wether you watch tv or not its why you watch it and how you are viewing it with God in your thoughts. Take courage and keep posting despite some of the comments that are way off the mark. In reality this world has become extremely violent and through the media it is constantly attacking our ears and eyes and can not be avoided. if we wash our feet at the end of everyday in Christ we can walk in the direction that christ has ordained us to walk.

Years ago i did a post and was so hurt by the comments that where of the flesh and not the spirit but this is what happens in a general forum as it is at the very battle ground of principles between God and Satan, truth and lies

**Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2014/8/14 8:00**

God bless you crusader! What wonderful advice. The LORD has me putting on the full armour every morning before getting out of bed, and now I shall be washing my feet every night before I go to sleep.