

**General Topics :: I'm done with TV!****I'm done with TV! - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/10/30 5:00**

It's been almost a year and a half now since my wife and I moved into our little house in Alaska. We were a newly married couple, with little in our pockets, and a steady job.

Well, starting a new life together provided an awesome opportunity to examine how we had been raised, how we were going to live, and how we wanted to raise a family.

I came from a non-christian home of five boys, no girls. To some this might not be a large family, but five boys can leave a mark. Well, my life had essentially revolved around the TV growing up; I might not have thought it, but it did.

I probably spent at least three hours daily in front of the TV. I would come home from school, and relax to the latest episode of "the simpsons". Maybe do some homework, and watch a movie. If "the family guy" was on, it was a must. I mean, that's a really funny show, right?

Well, for us it was a no-brainer. We didn't have much money to start off with, so what we did have went to essentials. And we decided that a TV was not one of them, and it never would be.

Well, it's been over a year now, and I love it. If nothing else as a testimony or an encouragement, there is life after TV. Looking back, our time is filled with so much, I don't know how we had time for TV at all.

Now, I'm not amish, or anything like that. We still have a laptop, on which we'll snuggle up to the occasional chick flick, or rent the latest Jackie Chan action movie. But what initially was meant to restrain us has become a freedom for us. I don't have a TV now, and I don't plan on getting one any time soon.

My son is four months old as I write this. And the idea that I can raise him without a dependence on today's media is one of the things that I look forward to. I don't have to worry about him someday turning to "sex in the city", or "desperate housewives", or even the Disney Channel's shows encouraging that homosexuality is just a fact of life, and I like that fact.

So again, if somebody reads this, be encouraged. I can't understate it; I love being without a TV. It's a freedom for me and my family. And I think it could be for you and yours, also.

Grace and Peace...

**Re: I'm done with TV! - posted by jimbo, on: 2005/10/30 11:42**

good for you! Me and my wife have been without TV for about the same amount of time as you now, and all I can say is WHAT A BLESSING!

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/10/30 12:07**

Yea, now we need to work on getting rid of the car, lets not discriminate, didn't Jesus walk everywhere he went? :-P

**Re: I'm done with TV! what about the internet?, on: 2005/10/30 12:26**

That all sounds wonderful and gay.....BUT what about the Internet? That monitor we stare at is the same as a television. And believe me when you've gotten rid of one, you'll be using the other just as much.

It's like trying to stop smoking, something else must take the place of that habit, and 9 times out of 10 it's food. So we enter the arena of the glutton, which most of the church world doesn't even recognize that as a sin.

The great thing about having a couple agree is that one will support the other, but if the man agrees to throw out the TV and the wife does not approve, then your going to have problems.

But when your single, and you have no one to agree with or support you, your more vulnerable to failure, unless you have found that secret place to cry out unto the LORD, then your on your way to having your life balanced.

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There are great benefits to not watching TV and there are even greater blessings when you don't read the daily newspaper as well.

I am sharing this with you because I have experienced all of these blessings, but alas when your single and alone you tend to fall back into these things.

I spend more of my off time on the internet than on any other hobby. Bible reading is conducted in the bathroom. Prayer is sporadic thru out the day depending on what is happening, I really despise the word prayer it sounds so old and worn out, like the word love and christian, they are used interchangeably with so many other good and disgusting things.

I communicate with my heavenly Father daily.

Karl

**Re: I'm done with TV! - posted by JFEddgar (), on: 2005/10/30 12:40**

Amen! When I became a Christian I still live at home, as the years went by I slowly weened myself off of TV, but it never 100% left my life.

Well, just recently, I moved out of home into an apartment with 2 brothers in Christ, and we do not have a tv. It has been great! I, too, do not know how I ever found time for TV. It is a huge blessing to just have peace and quiet in the house. The biggest revelation has been how hardened my heart was by it. When I do visit my parents' house, I am usually shocked by what I used to watch as just "good, family entertainment". If the shows themselves are not terrible (which is rare), then the commercials are totally disgusting. I am suprised at how desensitized I was.

"What fellowship has light with darkness"? How can we enjoy the same things that darkness LOVES? I just cant anymore.

Life after TV is GREEAAT!

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/10/30 12:43**

Karl, That's an excellent! post and I totally agree with you Brother, his ways are not or ways lets not put the Lord in a box , it's a possibility he might want to Bless us or confirm something via the TV or Internet, matter fact he has already Bless ed me via the net when I found this place. Anything can be bad if you do not use it correctly, food, cars, tv, electricity, wa ter, etc.

**Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/10/30 23:28**

Karl, you sound bitter towards this subject.

My point wasn't to condemn habits, or anything else, but was simply written as a testimony as to how my life has changed in this area.

It really is great having no TV. For me, it was a temptation, something so easy to give in to when I might be bored, or looking for something to do. I also feel, however that it is pretty much a complete waste of time, which was my motive for going without.

You're right about the Internet, or whatever we might choose, but I don't think this is always the case. I know that in my life, it hasn't been.

Now, for you, do you have an accountability partner? I believe that every believer should have "one hand reaching forward, and one back". I'm talking about being descipled/kept accountable on one hand, and discipling/keeping others accountable on the other. If you have one accountability partner, I don't believe it should be your spouse, even if you are married. Couples tend to slide together.

Anyway, if getting rid of a TV sincerely creates other problems in your life, then maybe it's not right for you at this time. For me, I have a different focus than I did a couple of years ago, and I believe I have become more because of this sacri

fice.

Grace and Peace...

**Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/10/31 1:22**

Hey, I was just listening to Leonard Ravenhill's "Choosing Rather to Suffer", SI's featured sermon this week. Well, he talks a bit about how many people are substituting entertainment for joy, which decreases their joy, and a bit more specifically about how the TV contributes directly to the family life of many American families. Or again, he says that "two things you can control are your time and your tongue".

Grace and Peace...

**Re: I'm done with TV! - posted by Wildhorse (), on: 2005/10/31 2:28**

I see nothing wrong with TV as long as you are careful what you watch and how much you watch it.

I might watch only a few hours over a period of 4 days.

Michael

**Re: - posted by Nightwatch (), on: 2005/10/31 3:42**

I haven't listened to Ravenhill's sermon yet but just thought I'd point out what James thought about the tongue.

"...If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body." James 3:2

I like this one from my pastor:

If my preaching doesn't change how you spend your time, money, and energy, it's worthless.

I put the TV in the garage for three months a few months back because it was distracting. I did love that "season", it however made it back into my house. I have almost sold it a few times. However, I haven't because I'm one of the only people in my community of friends that has a TV!

And every once in a while (like once in two months) we'll want to get together to watch a movie.

If I could see what effect it has on me in eternity, I would be more violently against it. I'm sure Jesus wouldn't have watched TV or Movies with the exception of "The Passion of Christ" and perhaps those movies that were made about the Gospels (dunno there, haven't seen them).

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/10/31 7:11**

I do think that TV is the worse evil than the internet. TV you are subject to what they flash on the screen. And in the internet you choose your own paths. But if your heart is desperately wicked you are sure to fall and stumble using the internet, just in overuse of your time or into worse areas such as pornography etc.

If you are a person that struggles with pornography I would suggest basically getting away from TV and computer. Get access to the internet at a public station for 1 hour or more.

I think we do need to watch the amount of time we spend on the internet and set some time guidelines so we are not on the computer all night. I am at times forced to do so to run the site and all the backend things including masses of emails. But the Lord has given me a joy to do this, but I love times away from the computer even for days or a week! :-P

**Re: - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2005/10/31 12:21**

I praise God for those of you on SI who the Lord has told to give up the TV. I did the same thing, it's been about 18 months ago and the Lord is beginning to convict my wife about the same thing.

I'm looking forward to the day when the TV can be thrown in the trash.

The litmus test I use is what does it (whatever it is which can be many things) do to my relationship with Jesus? If it doesn't bring me closer to Jesus, than I don't want it. That's not a legalistic mindset but rather one that says I've got to protect my relationship with Jesus at all cost.

As far as the Internet goes, I frequent it much less and I'm praying that it will be even less and only at the direction of the Holy Spirit. I'm not there yet but that is where the Lord is taking me...

**Re: TV god, on: 2005/10/31 14:15**

Groh Frog, No I certainly do not have any bitterness towards the Television. I remember when we had an old black and white TV that was back in the 70's, we as kids did more playing around the TV then actually watching it. We were busy with the Farm, so there was no time to sit. Usually Sat and Sun were the days that we watched, Wrestling, Giligans Island, and the Beach Combers, and my older brothers would watch hockey when it was in season. I don't remember anyone ever fighting over the rights to the TV, especially if Dad was in the house, it was shut off anyone was caught fighting over it.

Then in 1980 when the Beta machines were being introduced, Dad got a new colour TV and a beta machine and we watched our first movie, everyone gathered around to watch it, I think even our brothers who had married came to watch it, it was Raiders of the lost ark. From then on, Dad bought more TVs and another beta machine. When the betas were being phased out he got VCR's. We had a TV in the living room, a tv in the dining room, a tv in his bedroom, and a tv in the rec room.

Even though we were a fighting family, we grew further apart, instead of watching shows together, we would watch them alone.

When things were getting too tight between me and Dad, I went to live in the city in a one room. I had no tv for several years. Then in 1995 when the internet was introduced, I bought a computer and started using that.

It was in the same year that the holy Spirit woke me out of my sleep with a terrible shudder, "Be Ready" came the words. I thought there was an earthquake or something, and He woke me again after I had fallen asleep again, "Be Ready".

I can tell you and swear on a stack of bibles, that I am less ready then I was in 1995. In fact I don't even know what I am to be ready for. I thought the rapture, but that wasn't it, but something more. One day more instructions will come.

How I got over into that, I'll never know.

But regarding the TV, I have one but I don't have it hooked up to SAT. But there is one in the house that is hooked up on the dish, and I tend to watch on Sat and Sun. The TV that I have I plan to set it up once my apartment is fixed up, I plan to get one of those dishes that picks up all the free programming all over the world that each network offers free. What I like about this network is that there is a lot of free Christian stations available, that is my main concern.

As for the internet, safeeyes.com has been a great blocker for anything that is not becoming. I tried it for 15 days and was convinced.

The Television is a god, lets not beat around the bush. Most of us enjoy the entertainment that it emits. It robs us of our social responsibilities either with our family or friends.

Safe eyes.com also has a (I am not their spokesman) a feature that controls how much time you spend on the comp. If you set it to shut down at 12 midnight, it shuts down, no if and or buts.

I think these little extras are good, it helps you get into a routine that separates you from the comp, and establishes other relationships with other things, be it fellowshiping or building. I have a desire in me that I can build cabinets, I feel the

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LORD telling me that I can do it, though I never had or was given the chance to. So I bought my first electric mitre saw today, and I am looking forward to using that.

Speaking of things, I bought a silver ring last month and I have tried and tried to wear it, but it bothers me to no end. I finally took it off and I thought of just throwing it away, but it is silver and I rather get the money that I paid for it, I'll sell it on ebay or something. I felt pride raise its ugly head when I wore that thing, and pride is something I don't like, yet there are other prideful things in my life, I realize that and the LORD will reveal them.

Alright...I've bore my soul enough, I am done.

Karl

**Re: I'm done with TV! - posted by rocklife (), on: 2005/10/31 14:36**

we have tv at our house, with Sky Angel christian satellite. no cable at all, and deleted all the other channels that are continually bad. we do watch PBS occasionally for the kiddie shows, but only after exhausting about 4 years at parks and mommy and me classes. My son is getting older now (we are homeschooling too) and the kids at the parks can be worse than cable, so we watch educational shows that emphasize good values (honesty, family etc) and bible cartoons with our DVD player, VCR, etc (our TV, DVD player, VCR, and computers are all given to us as stewards, I didn't buy the stuff, but I do buy bible cartoons and bible kids books)

As long as God leads and you are prayerful, you'll be good

**Re:, on: 2005/10/31 17:29**

From 1981 through 2002 I watched little or no TV (occasionally on holidays with family was the exception) and it was of great benefit to me. During this time I read extensively, after having been a teenage TV head. I spent a lot of time building my vocabulary and started what I call a word box. You fill an index card box and take one out. Use it as a book mark and write down every word you don't fully understand on it until the card is full on both sides. Then look up all the words, put each one on the front of a card with the definition on the back and file them in alphabetical order. Everytime you fill a new card you go back over the rest of the cards. Before you know it you will have learned hundreds of new words.

Since I have moved to Washington DC and get about 10 channels for free (3 PBS!) and because I work for a legislative policy organization now, I follow the news on TV and watch occasionally. This no TV period of my life really helped me in my career as I write fundraising proposals and other fundraising materials for a living. Having expanded my vocabulary by some 1500 words did a lot for me and the quiet time without TV racket has been a blessing. It good to hear that Slers are questioning the value of the TV in a Christians life!

Bubbaguy

**Re: - posted by jimbob, on: 2005/11/1 4:58**

If we look at every thing God has done throughout history WITHOUT that stupid little device, we can really see what a hindrance and a waste of time the thing is. Let's watch and listen for what God does! Tune off! Turn off! The little pictures in that box hypnotize, not edify!

**Re: I'm done with TV! - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2005/11/1 8:34**

Very interesting thread!

About the internet being as bad as the tv, of that I will not dispute HOWEVER you can get filtered access. Our ISP filters our emails as well as the web. We cannot pull up ungodly sites. And if you do find one, email that link to them and they will block it. Now the worst thing about filtered internet is the time spent on it..like any other hobby which can get between you and common sense...

Just my opinion....

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by tacklebox (), on: 2005/11/1 8:57**

We recently moved to a different house, and we decided to cancel our cable instead of transferring. It has been so great since we did that!

We only had the very basic channels before, but the filth that entered our home just through those basic cable TV channels - I used to watch CSI and a few other shows, but as I grew to learn what displeased the Lord and what destruction can be caused by "little things", it really wasn't hard to cancel the TV watching. I now spend more time with my family and get more time to read the Bible and a few books I've been wanting to, like PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

I agree with Ravenhill that most entertainment is the devil's substitute for joy. I do think there are godly forms of entertainment - entertainment being a very abstract term. The majority of what we call entertainment in America is filthy in God's eyes, and it is an embarrassment to Christianity that so many Christians support TV and movie industries that promote sin.

I considered getting SkyAngel, but it seemed like there was just as much "Falsianity" as there was true Christianity on their programming. I wish sermonindex.com had a TV station! :-)

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/11/1 19:17**

TV is a lot like people if you look for the good you will find it, if you look for the bad you will find that also, what are you looking for? :-)

**Re: - posted by deutsixv23 (), on: 2005/11/1 21:16**

If I consider all the major decisions I've made in life, throwing out the TV was one of them. The minute I did that, my spiritual life changed, my marriage life changed, family life changed, professional life changed... all for the better... much much better. I felt I had a huge competitive advantage over everybody else, because comparatively speaking my week had eight days in it. I suddenly had so much time to do some much more.

I know without a doubt, that my life and that of my family would have been so much different, and sadly, not for the better, had we continued with a TV in the house. Though, like Jacob, I have to admit, I am not worthy of the least of His mercies, I believe God blessed us as a family for that decision. You have to understand where we came from and how totally different matters would have been had we continued on the old paths. No one can deny that I lacked the resources, gifts and where with all to be where I am today. If it were not for the Lord's blessing, how different it would have been... I'm not talking about wealth.

Bill Gates (Microsoft) said he does not have TV because he does not trust himself with one. Gates is very smart and he achieved much through his natural talent and intellect, but he even felt that TV was too addictive, too much of a time waster and too inhibiting. I read this in a FORTUNE magazine, maybe in approx. 1994, if my memory serves me right, but I could relate to that sentiment.

Years before when my wife and I made the decision. We read Proverbs 6:10 How long wilt thou sleep (etc)Â... so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth (way faring man, homeless), and thy want as an armed man (most robberies take place out of dire straits). We looked at each other and admitted that we did not sleep too much but we certainly watched TV too much. We gave it up. Soon after, we read about Jacob who told his household to give up their idols. We could relate to that and praised God for His mercy. An idol, an abomination has been removed from our home and lives. It was an abomination for us, because we were so captivated and enslaved by it. My God help you as struggle with this decision, but from my perspective, I believe you will look back many years hence and rejoice.

**Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/11/1 23:28**

In response to what was just said, it was one of the MAJOR decisions in deutsixv23's life. And that's important. It was in ours, also.

Look, if you really like something, you'll resist change to it, no matter what it is. I know there's a few people here that are defending TV pretty steadfastly. But to those, it's an addicting source of entertainment, yeah. It's also a complete waste of time, in my opinion.

Sure, there's some good shows. I bet you could even watch christian music videos, or listen to some TV evangelists. Wouldn't it be cool, however, if you were using that time to actually do something.

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Now, that's a hard statement. If you're not ready to change for the Lord, then you're not going to. Bar none. It's about what's in your heart, not what someone else says you should do. But, again, for me it has changed my life for the better. I have more time to actually spend with my family. More time to spend in the Word. More time to spend praying, and more time to spend serving. And what I've found is that I still don't have enough time in my day.

The TV is a fun little box. But 10 years from now, will you ever look back and tell stories of the shows you watched? Of all you learned?

That's how I look at it. Man will have to give account for every idle word, and I believe, every idle action. To whom much is given, much is expected.

Just pray about it.

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**Re: - posted by tacklebox (), on: 2005/11/1 23:34**

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Groh\_Frog, AMEN!

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/11/2 9:33**

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Thanks for your honesty yes it amounts to opinions only, what most forget is Gods ways are not our ways and he "can" use TV to Bless the ones that do use it properly, I just wonder how many ministrys would suffer because of no TV I suspect many and in my opinion God uses it to get out the word just like he uses the automobile to carry folks to Church to hear the word, some don't have cars how are they supposed to be taught the word? personally I feel TV ministrys are a big part in many folks salvation, we must remember God can and does work through man yea even Doctors for those that don't like Doctors he worked through Luke. :-)

**Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2005/11/2 9:45**

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Paul was a tent maker....not a doctor. Luke was the doctor :-)

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/11/2 10:46**

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Sorry about that I replied before my first cup of coffee but I am glad you cleared that us in such a Godly fashion. I will change that to Luke :-?

**Re: - posted by Agent001 (), on: 2005/11/2 11:17**

This thread reminds me of a fine book called, *The Freedom of Simplicity*.

Many elements of our life are luxuries, not necessities. Yet sometimes they have a strong grip on us unknowingly over time.

By choosing to live a simple life, sometimes we experience a greater and more abundant freedom in Christ.

**Re: If are lives are so perfect - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/11/2 12:05**

If we look at the statistics of crime and things like that before television and things like that as this is hearsay but I remember reading statistics along time ago about the amount of thefts in England this was before television it was about 7 24 and then after the dates it was worst.

We are in a culture that is affected by everything around us, we are either affecting it or it is affecting us. I remember talking with a group for my access group and they were talking about things like racism and things like that. I said it is part of culture and culture is affected by sin. People watch television and I do not blame someone who has watched a thousand murders on television for committing murder. I think we forget that I am not mentioning the sin aspect but as our hearts are desperately wicked.

I think another thing is beauty I think when I used to watch Television the beauty of creation is missed because of our smallness of minds.

Nature Programs destroy actually going out and enjoying creation

News Programs destroy praying for people that are around us who may be in far more need than what they make out

Books sitting on the shelves waiting for us to read

Friends who have not been visited

Wasted money on videos and DVDs that could be better spent on biblical products or even food to help the homeless

Millions of people who have not heard the good news because we are too lazy I am including me here to preach the gospel

Communication lost between family members

No talks around dinner tables because people are too eager to watch the next movie

Bad jobs generally done because people's minds have been thinking about ungodly things

A greater love for the Bible and for Christian music

A greater love for Jesus because of less distractions but I do get distractions

Clearer thinking mind

Much more aware of my sin

A greater love for people

I am just putting down a few aspects of my life which have changed because I have not watched television , I am not putting down some things that I have experienced because I have not watched TV for so long and I do not want to.

I think the thing that I want to do most is give Jesus my all and get any unconfessed and sin that is getting in the way of me and Jesus

**Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/11/2 12:19**

MyBrillPro,

You're right. The TV has been a great witness to bring some to the Lord. But where's it's place in the life of the Believer ?

For those who don't know Christ, they're walking dead. They will die, and will never know Life, will never enter Christ's rest. But to those who have it, where does it fit into your life?

Now, you're right. This is opinions here. But I don't believe there is any legitimate reasoning as to why a TV is good in a believer's life. It's like saying it's good to smoke cigarettes, because, well, can anyone think of a reason? Basically, there should be no place for idle time in a Believer's life.

Now that I've made my hard-line point, you should know that I don't believe the devil will crawl out of that box, or anything crazy. My wife and I watch a DVD once in a while on our computer. But to me, the temptation that a TV presents to even watch an hour a day is too much. Just an hour- that's more than a full work day every two weeks! How much better could that time be spent?

Anyway, I'm making some of my same points again, so I'll try not to. And if I sound offensive, I'm sorry. I do that sometimes, so don't take any attack on TV as personal. But there is such a better life.

Someone said earlier that their life has been blessed by putting their TV away. And I'd be lying if I said that ours hasn't. It's great. It really is.

Now, if anyone reading this is considering stopping, even for a little while, be encouraged! Just try it for a month. It takes some getting used to- especially if you watch as much as I once did. What do you do with all of this extra time?

For me, it was a chance to read my Bible, spend time with family, pray without having to fit it into my schedule...

Anyway, again, the whole point of this thing is to be an encouragement to those who still use theirs more than maybe they should. If you have that question, pray about it. Do you have a legitimate excuse, or are you just defending the worldly things you love? But give it a shot. I guarantee you, you won't regret it.

Grace and Peace...

**Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/11/2 12:25**

Oh, and well put, deltadom

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**Re: - posted by tacklebox (), on: 2005/11/2 13:40**

Many I think are missing the point. The question is not "Is TV evil?" but "Is TV holy?"

All things were created GOOD (Genesis 1) and were holy in that they served the purpose that God intended for them to be.

Things stopped being holy when men and angels rebelled against God and began to exist outside of the purpose that God created them for.

But God is in the business of redemption, and He uses things that were once an abomination to Him to serve Him. I don't think that TV is beyond being used by God. God has used prostitutes and donkeys, so why not TV's?

I think the real issue is whether you can ask yourself with a clean conscience: Am I grieving the Holy Spirit of God by watching TV? That may sound over-simplistic and rigid, but it's amazing how black and white some issues are with Christ:

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other." -Matt. 6:24

"Hate the evil, and love the good" -Amos 5:15

Also, try putting this verse right next to your television set (and computer monitor):

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." -Psalm 101:3

**Re: - posted by Agent001 (), on: 2005/11/2 16:31**

**tacklebox,**

Quote:

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This and the rest of your post was very well said. Creation, fall, and redemption, all covered.

I think **groh\_frog** does not think TV is evil though, he is rather overjoyed by the freedom experienced when we live in simplicity.

Sometimes we have refrain from certain activities to find out how much we depend on them and not God.

**Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/11/3 2:15**

tacklebox, well put. And Agent, thanks for the compliment.

I agree with you, tacklebox. I've seen bible studies that are on video, and I think they're a good thing. But, I'd like to think that like Agent said, there's so much freedom in not having to filter everything you watch. But if you're idle in your time; even if you're not watching a show that should be condemned on public TV, you're still idle with your time. And looking back on that someday, how will you answer for that time that you were given?

Grace and Peace...

**TV out, Blessing IN - posted by Gery, on: 2005/11/5 15:00**

Dear Brethren

We have also experienced the Lord's nearness and blessing in our lives since the TV has gone out. I dont know how TV is in your country, but here in South Africa it is full of filth, Blasphemous and propagating other religions. And christians, beware of secular movies. They blespheme and disrespect the Name above all names. Somemone showed me "Ghost i n the Darkness", a true story and even in that film the Lord's Name was taken as a curse word. I regret watching it becuse e of that.

O, how the churches has fallen, to even think or consider and wonder about something so clearly a tool in the evil one's hands.

People will argue about TV, because they still love their sin.

Confess your sin, surrender afresh to Christ and be filled with the HOLY Spirit. May God help us.

O, for more of Him!

In His unchanging love,  
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