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Media's Influence in God's Kingdom

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

In a world where media dominates the airwaves, understanding its influence on the human will and spirit is essential. By examining the power of media, we can learn how to protect our minds and use media positively to advance God's kingdom. This study explores the biblical perspective on media's role and the importance of controlling what we consume.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Ephesians 2:2

Proverbs 23:7

John 1:1-3

Key Takeaways

- Media is a powerful tool that influences the soul and spirit.
- The human will is a significant force in God's kingdom.
- Controlling the airwaves can shape a nation's destiny.
- Negative media can corrupt the subconscious mind.
- Engaging with media positively can influence society for good.

Introduction

In today's world, media is a pervasive force that shapes thoughts, beliefs, and actions. As followers of Christ, it is crucial to understand the impact of media on our spiritual lives and how we can harness its power for the advancement of God's kingdom. This study delves into the biblical perspective on media's influence and the importance of discerning what we consume.

Scripture Reading

- **Ephesians 2:2** — Highlights the influence of media as controlled by the 'prince of the power of the air.'
- **Proverbs 23:7** — Emphasizes the importance of thoughts and the subconscious mind in shaping identity.
- **John 1:1-3** — Illustrates the power of the word as a medium used by God in creation.

Key Points

- 1. The Power of Media** — Media is a dominant force that can shape thoughts and beliefs. It has the power to influence the soul and spirit, often subtly guiding our perceptions and decisions. Understanding its influence is crucial for protecting our spiritual well-being. Media can be a tool for good or a weapon for harm, depending on how it is used and consumed.
 - Evaluate the media you consume and its impact on your thoughts.
 - Seek out media that aligns with biblical values.
 - Be mindful of the subtle messages conveyed through media.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:2

- 2. The Human Will** — The human will is a powerful force that can determine destiny. In God's kingdom, our will plays a crucial role in aligning our lives with His purposes. Media can influence our will by shaping our desires and priorities. Therefore, it is essential to guard our hearts and minds against negative influences that can lead us astray.
 - Reflect on how media influences your desires and decisions.
 - Strengthen your will by immersing yourself in Scripture.
 - Pray for discernment in media consumption.

Scripture: Proverbs 23:7

- 3. Controlling the Airwaves** — Whoever controls the media controls the nation. Media has the power to shape public opinion and cultural norms. As believers, we are called to engage with media positively, using it as a platform to spread God's truth and love. By controlling the airwaves, we can influence society for good and advance God's kingdom.
 - Support media outlets that promote biblical values.
 - Use social media to share positive and uplifting messages.
 - Encourage others to engage with media responsibly.

Scripture: John 1:1-3

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- What role does media play in shaping our thoughts and beliefs?
- How does Ephesians 2:2 describe the influence of media?
- What are some examples of media influencing society positively or negatively?

Interpretation

- Why is the human will significant in God's kingdom?
- How can media influence our will and desires?
- What does it mean to control the airwaves in a biblical context?

Application

- How can you evaluate the media you consume in light of biblical values?
- What steps can you take to ensure your media consumption aligns with God's purposes?
- In what ways can you use media to positively influence those around you?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for discernment in media consumption.
- Ask for guidance to use media positively.
- Seek protection for your mind and spirit from negative influences.

Next Step

Evaluate your current media consumption and make intentional choices to align it with biblical values.

Conclusion

Media is a powerful force that can shape our thoughts, beliefs, and actions. As followers of Christ, it is essential to understand its influence and use it to advance God's kingdom. By being discerning in our media consumption and actively engaging with media positively, we can protect our spiritual well-being and influence society for good.

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