Christian Liberty

and Entertainment

What is Entertainment?

- Sports
- Movies/Videos
- Plays
- Dancing
- Board games
- Cards
- Videogames
- Music
- Parties
- Conversations
- Dinners
- Reading
- Storytelling
- IM ing
- Surfing the Web

What is Entertainment?

- Amusement - "to entertain or occupy in a light playful or pleasant manner."
- Entertainment - "something diverting or engaging"
- Divert implies the distracting of attention of worry or routine occupation esp. By something causing laughter or gaiety;
- Entertain suggest the activity of supplying amusement or diversion by specially prepared or contrived methods

Common Characteristics

- Muse = to think
- A = not
- Amuse = not to think



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- Divert, entertain, amuse, stresses engaging the attention so as to keep one interested or engrossed ***usually lightly or frivolously;***

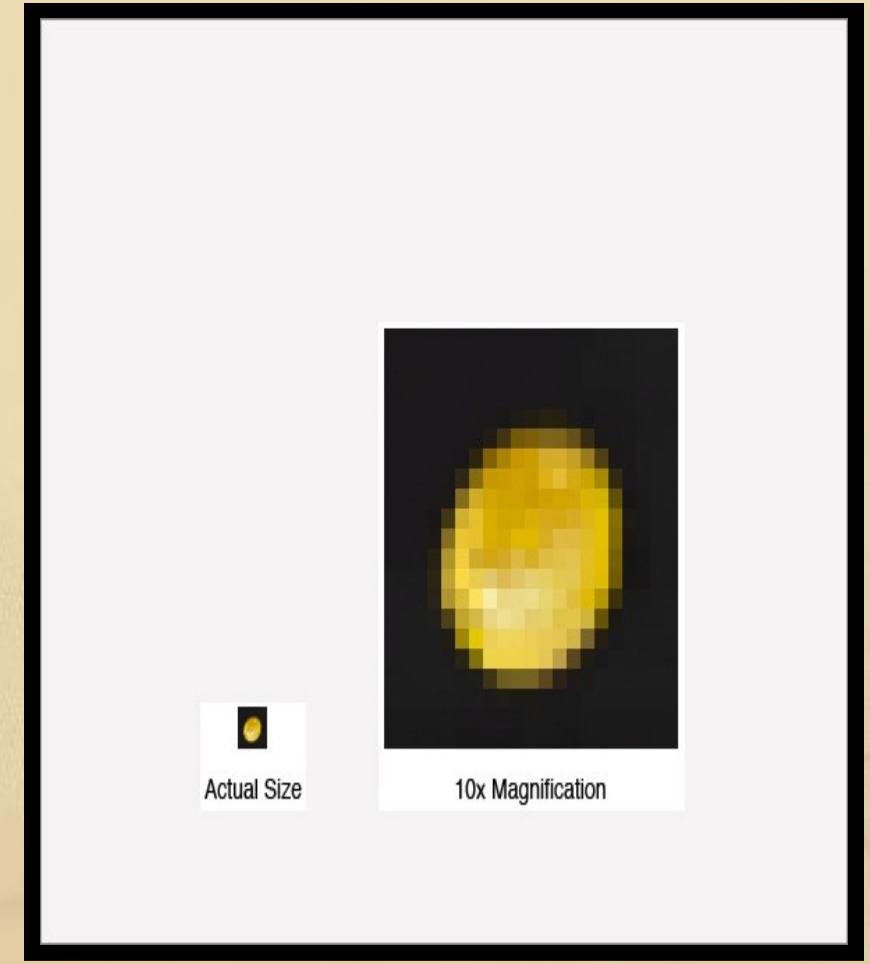
The Biblical Concept?

- **Exodus 23:12** "Six days you are to do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease *from labor* in order that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave, as well as your stranger, may refresh themselves
- **Jeremiah 31:25** 25 "For I satisfy the weary ones and refresh everyone who languishes."
- **Acts 3:19** 19 "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Dangers in Entertainment

- Time and Money Wasted

Do you know what this is?



•It's the root of all evil: Azerothian gold. The irony is that the players never actually see their gold — no piles of virtual treasure to roll around in, just an icon in their backpack with a number next to it. This number is the key to the finest mounts, good equipment, life-saving potions, power-enhancing elixirs, food and drink, ammunition, armor repair bills, ***and everything needed to play more World of Warcraft. to continue earning gold, to play more WoW, to make more gold, to play more WoW, and on into infinity.***

Wired Magazine

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Ask ---

- Are you ignoring other responsibilities?
- Am I funding things I would rather not?
- Am I using my resources for eternity?

Dangers in Entertainment

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- God given purpose ignored or denied

Luke 10:27 And he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

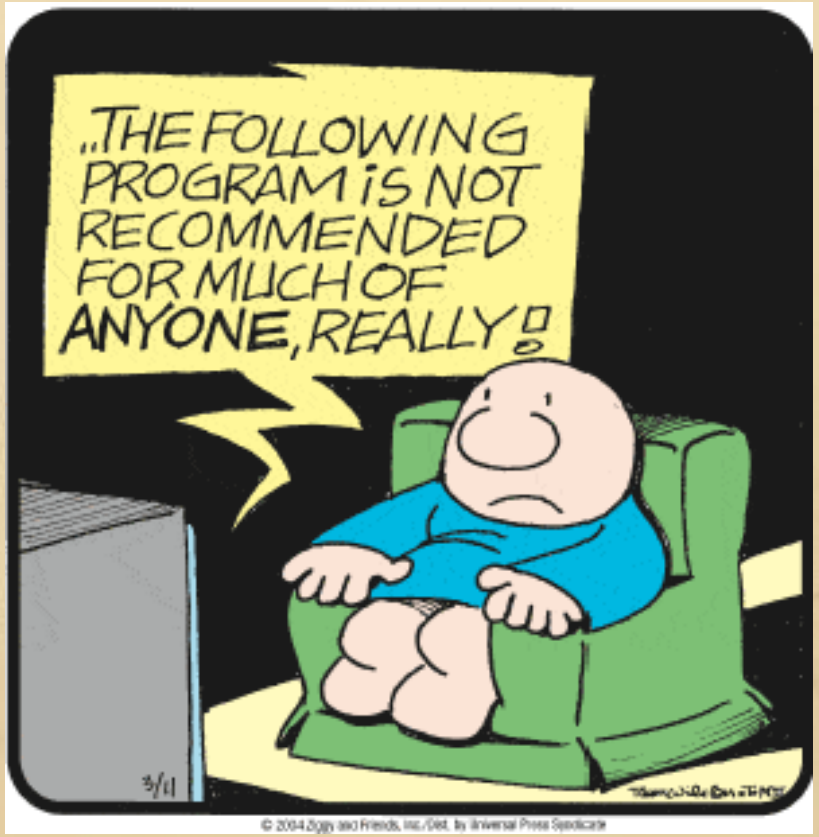
Ask ---

- Is this helping me to fulfill my God given purpose or diverting me?

- Am I positively creating something for God that I define myself by or is media filling that gap in my identity?

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Who would you think wrote these words?

There are television sets in every home, every restaurant, every hotel room, and every shopping mall— now they're even small enough to carry in your pocket like electronic rosaries. It is an unquestioned part of everyday life. Kneeling before the cathode-ray god, with our TV Guide concordance in hand, we maintain the illusion of choice by flipping channels (chapters and verses). 1

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The birth of TV was a magical event foreshadowing its satanic significance. The first commercial broadcast was aired on Walpurgisnacht, April 30th, 1939, at the New York World's Fair. Since then, TV's infiltration has been so gradual, so complete that no one even noticed. People don't need to go to church any more; they get their morality plays on television.2 verses).

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do* not *turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

2 Peter 1:4-8 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge; 6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness; 7 and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ask ---

- Am I finding pleasure in wickedness?
- Am I allowing influences on others that will hurt them?
- Am I striving after moral excellence?