

“Take Me to the Movies”

Recently I was talking to two young friends from the church and one of them asked me about a movie I had referenced in the sermon. One thing led to another and the person asked me what ten films would I recommend to more well round one such young person with respect to cinema. It was a thought-provoking idea until said person said: “Please, when you give me the list, don’t make more than five of the movies “black and white.” Jeez?

Candidly, I could not stop at ten films. There are just too many good/interesting or historical films from which to choose. So, I decided as best I could. Most of these films come from years past. The reason is because I assume most people have seen Black Panther, The Hunger Games, and other more recent releases.

Here is the list—I could only pare it down to twenty-three. Sorry about that.

The List (in no particular order)

Chariots of Fire 1981
Casablanca 1942
Gone with the Wind 1939
Lawrence of Arabia 1962
Schindler's List 1993
It's a Wonderful Life 1946
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 1975
Apocalypse Now 1979
Fried Green Tomatoes 1981
High Noon 1952
To Kill a Mockingbird 1962
Doctor Zhivago 1965
Raiders of the Lost Ark 1981
Shane 1953
Forrest Gump 1994
Saving Private Ryan 1998
The Shawshank Redemption 1994
The Deer Hunter 1978
Platoon 1986

Easy Rider 1969

Patton 1970

The Last Picture Show 1971

The Searchers 1956

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