

EVALUATING “SECULAR” MUSIC!

This is always a war!

- A war over passivity
- A war over I’m just “following my heart”
- A war over “that’s my music!”
- A war over habits
- A war over minlessness
- A war over “that’s just what I like!”

What was learned can be unlearned / relearned

<p><u>Philippians 4:8</u> Finally, brethren,</p> <p>whatsoever things are true,</p> <p>whatsoever things are honest,</p> <p>whatsoever things are just,</p> <p>whatsoever things are pure,</p> <p>whatsoever things are lovely,</p> <p>whatsoever things are of good report;</p> <p>if there be any virtue,</p> <p>and if there be any praise,</p> <p>think on these things.</p>	<p><u>Philippians 4:8</u> Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί,</p> <p>ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ,</p> <p>ὅσα σεμνά,</p> <p>ὅσα δίκαια,</p> <p>ὅσα ἀγνά,</p> <p>ὅσα προσφιλή,</p> <p>ὅσα εὐφημα,</p> <p>εἴ τις ἀρετὴ</p> <p>καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος,</p> <p>ταῦτα λογίζεσθε.</p>	<p>Truthful, genuine not imaginary</p> <p>Noble, worthy of respect / reverence</p> <p>Upright, fair, right</p> <p>Pure, holy</p> <p>Pleasing, lovely</p> <p>Praiseworthy, commendable</p> <p>Excellent character, civic virtue</p> <p>Worthy of approval or recognition</p>	<p><u>Philippians 4:8</u> Finally, brothers,</p> <p>whatever is true,</p> <p>whatever is honorable,</p> <p>whatever is just,</p> <p>whatever is pure,</p> <p>whatever is lovely,</p> <p>whatever is commendable,</p> <p>if there is any excellence,</p> <p>if there is anything worthy of praise,</p> <p>think about these things.</p>
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Paul **assumes** we think.

Paul **assumes** we think about something.

Paul **assumes** & even **requires** that we choose what we think about.

Paul **also assumes** & **requires** we don't think about certain things.

Paul **also assumes** & **requires** we evaluate / filter these things.

1. Evaluate the content

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2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **2 Corinthians 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; **Ephesians 5:4** Neither filthiness, **nor** foolish talking, **nor** jesting, which are not convenient: **but rather giving of thanks.**

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, **but now** are ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:** **Ephesians 5:9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **Ephesians 5:10** **Proving** what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Ephesians 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

But Pastor, that means I can't listen to anything!

Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Judges 18:1 In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

Judges 19:1 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

The Bible, under inspiration, records adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, drunkenness, murder, cruelty, lies, liars, torture, theft, incest,...but never n / without comment!!!

What is said!

What is said about what is said!!!

2. Evaluate how the song communicates

Examples:

Remember: music is a form of communication!

A. Melody

B. Harmony

C. Rhythm

One is not better or worse. All 3 become a form of communication / part of a form of communication.

Questions:

- **Does the communication fit the content?**

- **Does one part of the communication obscure the content?**

- **Is the content saying **one thing** and the communication **something else???****

- **If you took one part of the communication away, would you continue to listen to it?**

Great words and content stand alone.

- **Which part of the communication draws &/ controls you?**