

Question Night

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We need to hear the whole council of God. Paul worked diligently to that end at Ephesus (Acts 20:26-27). We can easily fall into the habit of hearing the same subjects over and over again. We must hear all! We bear the responsibility to seriously consider all God has said (Mt 28:20).

When dealing with children that are Christians how do you draw the line between forcing Christian morals and allowing them the opportunity to make their own decisions (i.e. Clothing for teenagers)?

The role of a parent is a great one. Proper leadership in the home will bless our children and be the proving grounds for future leaders in the church (1 Tim 3:1, 4-5). A good test of leadership comes when a child wishes to do things that are directly opposed to the will of God. We must demand that God be obeyed and the child must submit to both God and the father (Eph 6:1). Our elders likewise must demand obedience to the Lord of every member (Heb 13:17).

There is a wisdom that we want our children to develop from experience (Heb 5:12-14). We may in an area of judgment allow our children some autonomy as they grow older. Even when we do we must have the kind of home where we can talk about it afterwards and learn (e.g., Mowing the lawn).

Areas where parents may fail: Sadly many parents have no judgment themselves and therefore place matters of obedience into areas of judgment. Others thinking that they would discourage their children from following God compromise with the world so their child would not be different (1 Kgs 12:28). Still others become “agnostics” when it come to subjects like modest apparel and school activities such as the Prom. It is rare that these parents will have children that develop a biblical faith. Many of these parents will later blame Christians for their own failures!

What happens if we do not give thanks for our food? (1 Tim 4:3-4)

When we fail to give thanks we fail to recognize God in our life! Jesus gave thanks (Mt 15:36). It is assumed that Christians would always give thanks (Rom 14:6).

We face a very real problem in allowing prosperity to dull and darken our hearts. When that happens we are walking a well known path (Rom 1:20-28). Please notice the step by step process that lead to depravity. The first step away from God is to fail to give thanks. Please consider if you are really giving thanks from the heart.

Is it O.K. for a Christian, especially, a tweener or teenager to listen to Christian Rock instead of worldly rock?

We need to be concerned with what goes into our ears (Eph 4:29; 2 Tim 2:14)! Music is a powerful medium to teach and direct men (e.g., concert, pep rally).

Do we listen to songs that openly promote immorality?

We must also be concerned about false doctrine (1 Cor 15:33-34). Should we offer songs of praise to God with instrumental accompaniment? Are those who fail to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins right with God? Does the Holy Spirit operate apart from the written word to directly speak to our hearts? Many do not realize the inconsistency between what they say and what they do.

Much has been written about the “Christian Rock” movement that one should become acquainted with.

Concerning the partaking of the Lord’s Supper: Is it appropriate for those Christians that have missed the opportunity to partake on Sunday A.M. (for reasons due to illness, etc.) to then partake of it on Sunday P.M.?

Here is what we can know. We should partake of the Lord’s Supper on the first day of every week (1 Cor 11:23-25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2). The Lord’s Supper is to be partaken of in the assembly “when you come together in one place” (1 Cor 11:17-20; 14:23). We can assemble at any time on the first day of the week.

I will partake of the Lord's Supper when these conditions are met. I will also allow for someone who for conscious sake believes they must partake of it in different circumstances. There may be things that I believe to be scriptural that may not be expedient.

Why were Gentiles told not to drink blood in Acts 15:20? Does this apply to us today?

Before the giving of the Law of Moses God's command that the blood of animals not be eaten (Gen 9:3-4). This indicated any animal that was killed without shedding its blood. This would mean that drinking blood or eating bloody meat is forbidden.

The Law of Moses also continued this prohibition (Lev 17:10-14). The Holy Spirit continued this restriction in Acts 15 (Acts 15:19-21, 28-29). Some contend that this was expediency and not command. The issue of meats offered to idols is expediency (1 Cor 8). We cannot prove this about this subject! I will assume that any command given is a universal one unless I can prove otherwise.