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What Does TV Stand For?

TV stands for **teaching violence**. Turn on the set at almost any time, and it won't be long until someone is shot, stabbed, burned, beaten, kicked, or run over. Since seeing the same old violence over and over again gets boring, the violence has to get more graphic and bizarre just to keep our attention. Increasingly, the heroes of the stories are ruthless, powerful, characterless people who use violence as a means to an end. If we saw these types of things happen in real life, we would be shocked and outraged, but it's only TV.

2. TV stands for **teaching vulgarity**. It is commonplace today to hear on TV what years ago would have been considered outrageous and objectionable. The filthy language of the gutter is liberally strewn throughout many of today's shows. The humor of the shows has increasingly turned to vile and dirty punch lines. Rudeness and crudeness are the rule of the day. If our children talked like this, we would wash their mouths out with soap, but it's only TV.

3. TV stands for **teaching vanity**. Money, power, dirty comments and greed are the ingredients for a "good" show. Oftentimes the characters held up as successful, happy, and enviable are shallow, selfish, and self-centered. The emphasis is not placed on what kind of character you possess, but what possessions you possess. Are these the enduring values you want your children to share? It's only TV.

4. TV stands for **teaching values**. For years on TV fornication and adultery have been the norm rather than the exception. Situation ethics has served well situation comedies. Ideas are presented such as: "It's only wrong if you get caught." "Impure relationships are okay if you truly love one another." "Lying is okay if telling the truth would hurt." "Homosexuality is just an alternative lifestyle." Religion is mocked and religious people are depicted as oddballs and fanatics who just don't quite get it. If we knew that someone was teaching our children these things, we would be outraged. It's only TV.

5. TV stands for **time vacuum**. Whoever coined the phrase "couch potato" got it right. As we sit and vicariously watch what TV stands for, we are taking away time from talking with our family, reading, building friendships, participating in life, thinking, praying, Bible study, etc. We let our children watch for hours on end, and the same thing happens. They miss the opportunity to play, think, learn manners, and serve. It's only TV.

I know that not all of TV stands for the above, but much of it does. May we as Christians guard ourselves from what TV stands for and use our time with our families to teach them about God and for what He stands.

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Elaine Reynolds, Audrey Terry, and Alroy McDaniel.**

—**Elaine Reynolds** is now home from the hospital after spending a few days there in Glasgow.

—**Dennis Brangers** has surgery tomorrow at University Hospital in Louisville.

—**Jean Coffey** sees her eye doctor Tuesday and should find out when her second surgery is.

—**Betty Nunn** of the Fairview congregation is in Jewish Hospital in Louisville with a very large blood clot in her leg and multiple blood clots in her lungs. All here know Betty and she has visited here quite a few times.

—As of *today* we are also broadcasting our services live on Tunein Radio. This is a very popular broadcasting service accessible via any computer and any smartphone even those going back to many years ago. You can find more information by clicking on “live audio” on our web site or go to tuneinradio.com and search for “munfordville.”



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Certainly there is nothing wrong with television (or, we could just as easily say the Internet) in and of itself. It is a device that can be, and often is, used for good. Millions have been exposed to the gospel because of the church utilizing television. Many people have furthered their education. The plight of other nations suffering from drought and starvation has been brought to the forefront.

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Sunday, January 15, 2012		
Classes	11	Luke 17:11-37
Preaching	23	Which Shoe Fits You?
Contribution	\$518.00	
Evening	17	Zephaniah 1:1-18
Wednesday, January 18, 2012		
Classes	17	Deuteronomy 15:1-23

Visitors— Jan 15 (AM) Brent Goad (Glasgow, KY)
Jan 18 (Wed) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was done to a servant of an Israelite who wanted to remain a servant always.

Last Week’s Answer— Without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17)

The Lord permitted us to learn and invent such a device. How it is utilized is totally dependent upon us. Granted, it often seems there is not much we can do about the programming, but we do have an off switch and channel selector. These speak volumes to sponsors. Use and watch your television as if the Lord were sitting in the living room with you, for He is

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)