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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.

—adapted from Kevin Huddleston
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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton and Shirley Parson.**

—**Adam Glass** has been attending Munfordville for some time. He is moving to Murfreesboro, Tennessee to begin graduate work. He has been active with the congregation here and will be missed. He will be visiting with us from time to time when he comes home. We wish him well in his endeavors.

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Certainly there is nothing wrong with television 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.

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❖

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In Haggai 1:5, 6 we have recorded, ⁵*Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. ⁶Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.* Haggai was pointing out to his readers that their efforts in this life were futile because of their ways.

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Sunday, January 17, 2016

Classes	14	II Corinthians 7:11-8:10
Preaching	22	Joshua 24
Contribution	\$529.00	
Evening	13	Psalm 119:73-96

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Classes	n/a	no services at the building (icy conditions)
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Bible Quiz

The Word of the LORD is forever settled where?

Last Week's Answer— Thousands (Psalm 119:72)

Many today are in this situation. They work hard to provide all the necessities of life, while shunning the laying up of treasures in Heaven. Their efforts are in vain because they are not living for Christ.

Make sure your efforts in this life are worthwhile. Live every day for Christ thereby laying up eternal riches.

—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)