

Victory Over Sin Series
Lesson 15: Reprogramming & TV Detox
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What has God commanded to all those who want to have total victory over sin?

Romans 13:12-14

- 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness**, and let us put on the armour of light.
- 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
- 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Let's break this down piece by piece for clear understanding: In summary, what MUST we DO?

- 1) "The night is far spent" = We are at the end of time
- 2) "The day is at hand" = The day of the second coming of the Lord is soon to come
- 3) "Cast off the works darkness" = put away all the devices and works of Satan, the prince of darkness
- 4) "Let us walk honestly" = Live honestly by reflecting the character of Christ, not by living in hypocrisy and vanity.
- 5) "Not in rioting and drunkenness" = We are not to drink the false doctrines of Babylon. The wine of Babylon causes others to be confused as a drunkard and reveling with the wickedness of this world.
- 6) "Not in chambering and wantonness" = We are not to be an adulterous who sleeps around with the world with unbridled lusts without restraint.
- 7) "BUT put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" = Accept and allow Jesus to put on His robe of righteousness.
- 8) "Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof" = Do not supply your sinful flesh with the temptations that will cause you to sin.

The command is very clear. You can NOT walk honestly and put on the Lord while sipping on the wine of Babylon and holding on to the devices of Satan. And all who make a supply to their sinful flesh will walk in hypocrisy and corruption. We must make a daily decision to kill the thoughts and deeds of our sinful flesh. Romans 8:13 says "mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

All who are converted to the TRUTH will NOT walk after their old sinful nature but ONLY walk after ALL the things of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17

- 17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

ALL old sinful habits must pass away to new habits of righteousness in Christ. What I eat, what I watch, what I listen to, who I hang out with, where I go, how I take care of my health – ALL must change. It is impossible to expect change, if you hold on to the old sinful habits and thinking.

Every area of the life must go through a total transformation.

Romans 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Spiritual transformation into a whole new person in Christ first takes place in the way you think. Satan wants to keep control of the mind and wants all people's mind to be shaped and conformed to his worldly system of deception and death. He uses evil devices that program the minds of the masses keeping them on the road of destruction.

Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit will reprogram and purify our minds from the toxicity of this sinful world. But we **MUST** allow God to open our eyes to truth, so we can see and walk in the Truth.

We must go through God's spiritual detox and mind reprogramming Divine system. In order for this to happen we must remove ourselves totally from Satan's toxic programming of our minds.

Remember, Satan used a snake as a medium to deceive Eve. What is the plural word for medium? Media. Satan uses the media today as a platform and pulpit to deceive billions of people with his lies and entertainments that seduce all people to yield to his temptations.

Satan's media is toxic and deadly to the minds of all people. One of the main devices that Satan uses is the television. TV is an inanimate object. It is **NOT** evil in itself. It is a device that transmits video and sound. But Satan uses TV as a device to channel his system of programming and controlling the thinking of the people. **Can this be the reason why that many of the shows and entertainment on TV are known as programs to program the mind and that channels are called channels to channel Satan's thoughts in the minds of the people?**

Over the years, since the TV's invention, as the technology and picture improved the number of channels increased. There are over 300 plus channels that people have access to where it used to be only a handful.

Satan is **NOT** omnipresent but he has used the TV device with much success and has a "flavor" for everybody to spread his toxic lies and temptations around the world to program the minds. He has used the TV media as a broad road to death.

Even in an age of technology and the internet, the TV is still the most prominent device in the house. It is the center of attention in most homes.

The TV channels are mainly used for three purposes; news, entertainment, and advertisements. There is almost no content on TV that is devoted to true education, maybe .0001 percent.

The reality is that the news programs are also entertainment and full of ads. When you think about it there is only a small percentage of real news but the rest is about entertainment and programming the minds of the people. For example, Satan has used the news programs to push his poisonous system of pharmakeia (poisonous drugging system of modern medicine). A large percentage of all advertisements are from pharmakeia. So the reality is that these are toxic news programming.

The TV and Satan 's channels have become easily accessible by the click of the remote from one channel after the other – news, entertainment, and advertisement.

Many say “I don’t watch the TV for entertainment, but I only watch the news. That’s it.” Yes that may appear to be harmless but your mind is still being programmed in darkness. Today news programs are like going through a dumpster of smelly trash trying to find something valuable. You will still become corrupted with its trash and garbage.

Satan’s 300 plus channels that are on free to air, satellite dishes, cable and other devices are the broad way road that leads to destruction.

What does Jesus say about this broad way?

Matthew 7:13-14

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

The broad way is where the majority of the world of billions of people are on; there are only a few people on God’s narrow way that leads to life.

The only way for transformation in the way we think is to get off the broad way.

Satan has a monopoly of the provisions of the flesh on TV today.

We were to created learn from the environment around us. Sin has corrupted our environment and the only escape is to allow God to change it.

The television has inundated the minds of people to rebel against God, live in hypocrisy, and be blinded by Satan’s lies. TV has become one of the most toxic devices of Satan on this planet to keep people oppressed and programmed to follow after the philosophies and commandments of men.

Satan uses his many channels of this device from the cradle to the grave. He is able to program the mind from a baby to the death bed - day in and day out for years.

There are many who have learned the Truth but still struggle to have victory while still watching Satan’s channels on the TV devices. It is a huge distraction and a waste of God’s time.

Let’s look at some interesting TV watching statistics for the average American, the numbers are revealing.

Television and Health – California State University, Northridge website, compiled by TV-Free America - <https://www.csun.edu/science/health/docs/tv&health.html>

- According to the A.C. Nielsen Co., the average American watches more than 4 hours of TV each day (or 28 hours/week, or 2 months of nonstop TV-watching per year).
- In a 65-year life, that person will have spent 9 years glued to the tube.
- 99% of all household in American have at least one TV

- Number of hours per day that TV is on in an average U.S. home: 6 hours, 47 minutes
- Number of hours of TV watched annually by Americans: 250 billion
- Value of that time assuming an average wage of \$5/hour: \$1.25 trillion
- Number of minutes per week that the average child watches television: 1,680
- Percentage of day care centers that use TV during a typical day: 70
- Hours per year the average American youth spends in school: 900 hours
- Hours per year the average American youth watches television: 1500
- Number of murders seen on TV by the time an average child finishes elementary school: 8,000
- Number of violent acts seen on TV by age 18: 200,000
- Number of 30-second TV commercials seen in a year by an average child: 20,000
- Number of TV commercials seen by the average person by age 65: 2 million

The average person spends 78K hours of their lives watching TV: study

By Jackie Salo, New York Post, December 3, 2019

<https://nypost.com/2019/12/03/the-average-person-spends-78k-hours-of-their-lives-watching-tv-study/>

- The average person will spend more than 78,000 hours in front of the television over their lifetime, a new study says.
- Researchers determined that viewers watch an average 3,639 movies and 31,507 episodes of television, amounting to staggering 78,705 hours [according to findings released by OnePoll](#) on Monday.
- As a result, the average adult will spend around 2,943 hours of their life deciding what to watch, the study said.

How Much Football Is Even In A Football Broadcast?

By Kirk Goldsberry and Katherine Rowe, 538, Published Jan. 31, 2020 -

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/how-much-football-is-even-in-a-football-broadcast/>

An average NFL broadcast lasts well over three hours, yet it delivers a total of only 18 minutes of football action.

Study shows how many commercials average NFL fan watches

Charlotte Observer, September 5, 2018

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com › nfl › article217850340>

Sep 5, 2018 — According to a new study released Wednesday, the average NFL football fan will watch more than 24 hours of commercials this season.

These commercials are mainly beer, prescription drugs, and promotions of Hollywood movies. There is nothing about God, salvation and the three angels' message, nothing about true education and the medical missionary work, nothing there that really matters, it is all VANITY, emptiness and a great waste of time.

What should be done? God has already told us to cast off all works of darkness. We MUST cast off all Satan's channels even the news channels that come through the TV device. How many channels will that leave you? Practically, zero.

There must be a TV detox and a reprogramming.

God only has one channel and that is the word of God.

Many may be saying, "what about the internet?" Remember, the internet is only a network of computers, we must cut off all Satan's programs of entertainment that he places on the internet. But you have more control over the websites that you connect to. Plus, there are many more things that are useful, wholesome, and a powerful tool to give the everlasting gospel compared to a TV in general.

Note: Turn your TV into a monitor screen that connects to your computer. All modern TV flat screens can be used as computer screens.

How will I know about news? Just browse through a news feed that you can personalize. If there are thing happening that you need to know about you can see it there. You don't have to waste your time trying to wade your way through a toxic mess of advertisements and entertainment while watching the news program.

Some of you maybe saying, what can I do? Start by turning off the TV device for 10 days straight and replace that time that you are usually in front of the TV with the study of God's word.

After 10 days you will see how more spiritually you are connected with God.

Do it for another 10 days... Cut it off for good. Amen. Who wants to take the challenge?

What are some other things that we must be aware of that is used to program the minds of the masses of people to rebel against God? To be continued....