

5. "MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH."

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14).

Acts 19:19–20

"The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire . . . Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it . . ." (Deuteronomy 7:25–26).

6. SINCERITY REQUIRES SEEKING GOD WITH OUR WHOLE HEART.

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13; see also II Chronicles 26:5).



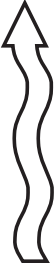





1. _____
Ephesians 1:13–14

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Ephesians 5:18–19

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Luke 4:1–14

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Luke 4:14; Hebrews 5:13–14

Basic Principles of Music Evaluation

Parts of Us	Basic Parts of Music	Basic Drives in Music	Tension / Relaxation	Basic Effects of Imbalance
SPIRIT				
SOUL				
BODY				

THREE TESTS OF RIGHT MUSIC

1.

I John 4:1

James 3:9-13

James 3:13-18

2.

I John 4:3

I Timothy 6:3

GOOD MUSIC

EVIL MUSIC

3.

Matthew 7:16-20

Bondage to Rock Music

He is addicted to rock.

The word *addict* means “to devote or surrender oneself to something.” It comes from the same Latin root as our English word *dictate*. An addict is controlled by forces outside himself and often acts compulsively, even against his own better judgment.

A “rock addict” may know that rock music is wrong, yet he is powerless to stop listening to it. An official working with juvenile delinquents stated, “Rock music is more addictive and destructive than cocaine.”

As in the case of a drug addict, a “rock addict” will sacrifice God-given relationships with his parents and will neglect fellowship with Godly Christians in his compulsion to listen to his music.

As the drunkard or drug addict must provide for his appetites, so the “rock addict” provides music for his car, his room, and for points in between with his portable tape player.

He is in tune with the spirit of the rock culture and feeds upon information about rock performers and their newest songs. He is instantly activated by the rock beat and can repeat the lyrics and music of the songs that are engrafted into his soul.

He is argumentative.

Rock music is actually a new form of the “religion” of humanism. Its major tenets are that man’s pleasure is the chief goal of life and that the end justifies the means.

Religion is by its very nature intolerant of every other religion. Therefore, those who have espoused the “religion” of rock and the rock culture are intolerant of ideas that are contrary to their thinking or that would jeopardize their addiction to rock music.

No matter how Scriptural or logical the arguments against rock music are, a “rock addict” will find a way to discredit them. He will often use illogical presuppositions and contradictory analogies.

For example, he will claim that all music is amoral. Therefore, we cannot say that rock music is evil. At the same time, he will usually acknowledge that the extremes of rock music are wrong and that he does not listen to them.

Yet, if music is truly amoral, then his arbitrary dividing line of what is good and bad in rock music is meaningless.

He will use many analogies that are not consistent, such as stating that we do not stop driving a car simply because someone might misuse it; therefore, we do not get rid of rock music because some people are offended by it.

His faulty analogy is that a car is to rock music as walking is to not listening to rock. The accurate analogy is that safe driving is to good music as reckless driving is to rock music.

He needs true freedom.

Only God can free a “rock addict” from the bondage of Satan’s strongholds.

CONSEQUENCES IN SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHEN PARENTS ALLOW TELEVISION IN THE HOME

CONSEQUENCES	RELATED SCRIPTURE
1. It establishes the practice of tolerating evil to enjoy some good.	<i>"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil . . ."</i> (Proverbs 8:13). <i>". . . A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump"</i> (I Corinthians 5:6).
2. Its amusement format lowers their resistance to evil.	<i>"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"</i> (Proverbs 4:23).
3. It provides constant access to the world's system and its false concepts.	<i>"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ"</i> (Colossians 2:8).
4. It deadens their consciences by introducing them to new lows of immorality.	<i>"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold"</i> (Matthew 24:12).
5. It allows them to relate to evil individuals whom you would otherwise never allow into your home.	<i>". . . A companion of fools shall be destroyed"</i> (Proverbs 13:20).
6. It devours one of their most precious resources—time.	<i>"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"</i> (Psalm 90:12).
7. It stifles creativity by deadening their responses to conscience and to Scripture.	<i>"Quench not the Spirit"</i> (I Thessalonians 5:19).
8. It ultimately makes them enemies of God.	<i>". . . Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God"</i> (James 4:4).

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE . . .

". . . were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

"Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their

daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

"Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a-whoring with their own inventions.

"Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people,

insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

"And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them" (Psalm 106:35–41).

CONSEQUENCES IN SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHEN PARENTS ALLOW SENSUAL MATERIAL IN THE HOME

CONSEQUENCES	RELATED SCRIPTURE
1. It produces guilt by violating God's inborn moral laws.	<i>"Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another" (Romans 2:15).</i>
2. It damages the marriage by causing mental adultery.	<i>"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).</i>
3. It promotes prostitution by engaging in lewdness for hire.	<i>"Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart have they exercised with covetous practices; cursed children" (II Peter 2:14).</i>
4. It lays the foundation for insanity by encouraging gratification without responsibility.	<i>"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways (James 1:8; See also Romans 1:28).</i>
5. It brings destructive temptation and damaging standards.	<i>"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).</i>
6. It results in harsh discipline and child abuse.	<i>"He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail" (Proverbs 22:8).</i>
7. It increases violent crime in the nation.	<i>"Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness" (Leviticus 19:29).</i>
8. It violates God's warnings against nakedness and causes sexual obsessions.	<i>". . . I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself" (Genesis 3:10).</i>
9. It dulls spiritual senses and grieves the Holy Spirit.	<i>"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other . . ." (Galatians 5:17).</i>
10. It promotes the humanistic religion that man's pleasure is the ultimate goal in life.	<i>"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 5:6).</i>

**[Sin] is a monster of such awful mien,
That to be hated needs but to be seen,
But seen too oft, familiar with face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.**

Alexander Pope

CONSEQUENCES IN SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHEN PARENTS ALLOW ALCOHOL IN THE HOME

CONSEQUENCES

RELATED SCRIPTURE

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| <p>1. It brings God’s condemnation for violating Scripture which condemns intoxicating drink.</p> <p>2. It lowers vital inhibitions for moral standards.</p> <p>3. It leads other people to lower their standards and experience God’s judgment.</p> <p>4. It removes a standard which could spare your son or daughter from wicked and destructive associations.</p> <p>5. It places your approval on a product which is bringing death and destruction to millions of people.</p> <p>6. It displaces the genuine exhilaration which God gives.</p> <p>7. It brings physical damage to those who drink and to their unborn children.</p> <p>8. It leads to addiction and bondage, which violates Scriptural freedom.</p> <p>9. It causes a weaker brother to stumble.</p> | <p><i>“Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder” (Proverbs 23:31–32).</i></p> <p><i>“Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things” (Proverbs 23:33).</i></p> <p><i>“Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!” (Habakkuk 2:15).</i></p> <p><i>“Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!” (Isaiah 5:22–23)</i></p> <p><i>“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Proverbs 20:1).</i></p> <p><i>“And be not drunk with wine . . . but be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18).</i></p> <p><i>“They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again” (Proverbs 23:35).</i></p> <p><i>“All things are lawful unto me . . . but I will not be brought under the power of any” (I Corinthians 6:12).</i></p> <p><i>“It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak” (Romans 14:21).</i></p> |
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- There are two types of wine mentioned in the Bible: unfermented wine was called “new wine.” It was freshly squeezed grapes (*grape juice*). Fermented wine was an intoxicating beverage (“*strong drink*”).
- Several methods were used in Jesus’ day to keep grape juice from fermenting: boiling down the grape juice into syrup, bottling the grape juice and storing it in a pond of cool water for thirty days, or soaking raisins in water until juice was reconstituted.
- Grape juice that ferments on its own without control becomes spoiled grape juice.

CONSEQUENCES THAT HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED IF A SON OR DAUGHTER LISTENS TO CHRISTIAN MUSIC THAT SOUNDS LIKE THAT OF THE WORLD

CONSEQUENCES

RELATED SCRIPTURE

- 1.** They have already dulled the sensitivity of their consciences.
(Music is a form of worship.)
- 2.** They are already “in tune” with the spirit of this world.
(This is demonstrated by the law of sympathetic vibration.)
- 3.** They have already accepted the goal of the false religion of “Do your own thing; satisfy yourself.” (“How can it be wrong if it feels so right?”)
- 4.** They have already greatly increased their vulnerability to exploitation by the world. (Wrong music comes with rebellion, drugs, and immorality.)
- 5.** They have already made their music more important than the sacrificial suffering of Christ (by causing weaker Christians to stumble, especially those who have come out of the “rock culture”).
- 6.** They have already chosen to admire ungodly “heroes.” (“The greatest form of admiration is imitation.”)

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” (Galatians 5:17).

“Quench not the Spirit” (I Thessalonians 5:19).

“Love not the world, neither the things [music] that are in the world . . .” (I John 2:15).

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world [world’s music], but the spirit which is of God [in music]; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God” (I Corinthians 2:12).

“For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things [music]” (Philippians 3:18–19).

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit [in worldly music], after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Colossians 2:8).

“. . . Tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine . . .” (Ephesians 4:14).

“But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat [worldly music], now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat [worldly music], for whom Christ died. . . . Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat [worldly music] destroy not the work of God . . .” (Romans 14:15, 19–20).

“But [God’s people] were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works [music]. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. . . . Thus were they defiled with their own works [music] and went a-whoring with their own inventions. Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance” (Psalm 106:35–36, 39–40).

By using worldly music to “present the Gospel,” we not only violate Scripture, but we also promote the humanistic tenet that “the end justifies the means.”

“. . . It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” (I Corinthians 1:21).

For further study, refer to the book *How to Conquer the Addiction of Rock Music* (IBLP Publication Orders • Box One • Oak Brook, IL 60522-3001; www.store.iblp.org; 630-323-9800).