

Gatekeeper



Lesson 2: Avoid (August 10, 2014)

Ephesians 5:10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. ***New Living Translation SE***

Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. **12** It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. ***New Living Translation SE***

Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. ***New Living Translation SE***

Proverbs 4:23 Keep vigilant watch over your heart; *that's* where life starts. ***Message Bible***

If you live with it, it will live in you

1 Corinthians 10:23 You say, “I am allowed to do anything” —**but not everything is good for you**. You say, “I am allowed to do anything” —**but not everything is beneficial** ***New Living Translation SE***.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. **12** It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. ***New International Version***

Atmospheres you might need to avoid

- Certain TV Shows & Movies
 - Video media can be spiritual, neutral, negative, or sinful

Atmospheres you might need to avoid

- Certain Music
 - Music can be spiritual, neutral, or sinful

Atmospheres you might need to avoid

- Certain People
 - People can be a positive, negative, spiritual, or sinful

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” ***New International Version***

Romans 16:17 I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who **cause divisions** and **put obstacles** in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. **Keep away from them.** ***New International Version***

Atmospheres you might need to avoid

- Certain places on the internet
 - The internet has wholesome and unwholesome content

Internet Porn Protection Software

Covenant Nanny, X3watch, K9 Web Protection

Jesus said there are some things that we’re not strong enough to say no to

Matthew 18:8 So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, **cut it off and throw it away.** Better to enter heaven crippled than to be in hell with both of your hands and feet. **9** And if your eye causes you to sin, **gouge it out and throw it away.** Better to enter heaven with one eye than to be in hell with two. ***Living Bible***

Ask God to give you His ability

Hebrews 4:14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ***15*** This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ***16*** So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will **find grace to help us when we need it most.** *New Living Translation*