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Secular Culture

Romans 12:2, 1 John 2:15



Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1 John 2:15)

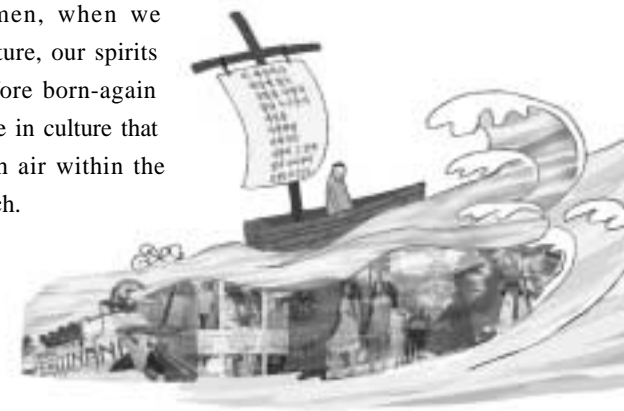
In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. (Ephesians 2:2)

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Culture is a form of expression, which depicts how men form a community and what men value in life. What types of culture are you exposed to everyday? Is it pop music, computer games, violent movies or following fashion trends? Or is it a poem, praise, or a book that describes God's love? Of course you are probably exposed to both sides of culture. Unfortunately, it is impossible to live in this world while completely avoiding the secular culture (1 Corinthians 5:10). However, born-again Christians must protect themselves from the secular culture and continually try to be exposed in the holy and righteous way of life.

In the Old Testament times, David was one of the people who received much love from God. This was due to the love that David had for Him. David described his feelings for God through songs, praises and dancing (1 Chronicles 13:8). At the same time, gentiles praised idols with different musical instruments, but David used the same musical instruments to only praise God. The same principle can be applied today. Non-Christians use the computer, television and musical instruments for the purpose of sinning. However, for born-again Christians, all those items can be used to praise and worship Him (1 Corinthians 10:31). No matter what we do, we must think about whether the activity is for the glory of God. Even if what we do as a hobby is innocent, if that activity is not for the glory of God, it is a sin from God's perspective (Romans 14:23).

To men, culture is like air and is something that is absolutely necessary in life. Just as breathing in polluted air can cause sickness in men, when we breathe in tainted culture, our spirits become sick. Therefore born-again Christians must engage in culture that is clean like the fresh air within the boundaries of the church.





01. If you have been obsessed to any of the items below, write about the experience. Also write about how you escaped the obsession.

Pop music, singer, celebrity, game-room, movies, video, computer games, magazines, cartoons, comic books, sports, pool, dancing, karaoke.



02. Write down your current hobbies and whether that glorifies God.
(1 Corinthians 10:31)



03. Discuss the types of effect, which violent music, games, or movies have on people's personality.



04. Write down different cultural activities that you can be part of within the church and recommend activities that you'd like to do within the church.



And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)



{ Looking back }

Parent	Teacher

Today's prayer

Thankfulness/Repentance
/Earnest request

Sun

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Sunday

Sunday sermon



Wednesday

Wednesday sermon