

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Choices

Several years ago, ***The Wolf of Wall Street*** hit the big screens. As soon as it came out it set a record. This movie set the mark for the most uses of the f-word ever in a U.S. feature film (USAToday). This movie uses this word a sickening 506 times. Seeing as how this is a 180 minute movie, this means that, on average, this word occurs 1.4 times every 30 seconds throughout the movie. This isn't even including all the other bad words used in the movie. According to ***Kids-In-Mind***, there are at least 148 other curse words used (***Kids-In-Mind.com***). There is also extremely graphic sexual content and heavy drug and alcohol use (ibid).

What is even sadder than the fact that the movie was even made is that millions of people in this country and around the world paid to watch this filth. Even more concerning is that people who profess to be Christians were among that number. It's sad to see just how corrupt our society has become. And even sadder that Christians are choosing to participate in this type of filth.

With the advent of *Netflix* online, it is even easier to gain access to movies & TV shows that we simply should not watch. Parents, do you know what shows your children are watching on *Netflix* and other providers of movies/TV shows? You should be.

Listen to what God said about a similar society long ago, "*Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; they did not even know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be cast down,' says the LORD*" (Jeremiah 6:15). Is the prophet referring to you?

We make choices every day of our lives. Are we making the right choices? No one is perfect and we will make bad choices occasionally; however, is this becoming a pattern in the way we live? To think that we can view moves like this or participate in other vile events and not be affected is simple wrong. We are affected. And what message are we sending to our children who see what we do? Worse yet, are we choosing to let our children participate in things like this?

I'm continually reminded of the words of Joshua when he said, ". . . *choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*" Joshua 24:15.

What kind of choices are you making for yourself and your family?

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland