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- Where is our focus being directed? Does the music we listen to, movies we watch, webpages we visit, (etc.) set our focus on the world or on Christ?
- What does God think about the media we choose to watch and listen to? What would be Jesus' thoughts regarding the things you welcome into your life?

Just because media is impacting our culture does not mean that we have to allow it to impact us. Being "in" the culture, does not mean we have to be "of" the culture (John 15:19).

Making Wise Choices

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