

Don't Listen To Secular Music

If you listen to secular music, you might be persuaded to adopt the lifestyle or philosophies of the artist. This makes sense in a small way, considering a small factor. **It should annoy the follower of Christ to be pestered by a false or undermining message.** For example: You have a friend that you like to go shopping with. However, at every shop he or she is always whispering in your ear, demanding, "Let's rip this off! Let's steal this! Let's take that!" Now, being the law-abiding citizen that you are, you do not want to take this friend's advice. Their persistence in the matter should annoy you. Eventually, you will tire and demand your friend to shut up.

When listening to any kind of music in what I like to call "fan mode," you are claiming those songs as your friends. If you *really* like an album, you soon memorize the whole thing, including the transitions and feel between one song and another. In your mind, you become so familiar with it that you associate track 2 being followed by the sound of track 3's opening bars. You hear the opening chords before they start. That type of "relationship" with music is so fun. If you are listening to an album 2-3 times every couple of days, that's the kind of unabashed "love" that "develops" between you and the songs. Now, let's say a song's lyrics are leaning towards an unChrist-like attitude, like treating overweight people with disdain, for example. After multiple repeated listenings, that message should start to annoy you, the believer, lover, and follower of Christ.

Music is Music?

Secular music is any organized sound of the world systems. It may or may not be accompanied by words. Music has a relationship with the spirit and soul of man.

Secular music, therefore are such music that has not been inspired by the Holy Spirit. They are music rendered to the glory of man, the devil. They are sung based on human thoughts, philosophy and feelings. They are rendered not in accordance with the Spirit.

What is Christian Music?

Vocal or instrumental sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - Eph. 5:19-20. Music played an important part in Hebrew culture; although closely associated with religious worship from earliest times (Gen. 31:27) and was linked with dance (Ex. 31:27). Music and dance featured at feasts (Is. 5:12), vintage festivals (Is. 16:10), marriages and also at funerals (Mt. 9:23). For worship, King David organized a choir and orchestra (1 Chr. 15:16ff). Some psalms were clearly meant to be sung antiphonally by two choirs (Pss. 13, 20, Ps. 136)

Why Christian Should Avoid Listening to Secular Music

I Thessalonians 5:23 " May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" NIV

Man is made up of three dimensions. Spirit, Soul and Body. The Apostle Paul was praying a comprehensive prayer here. He was concerned about the three dimensions of man. The believer who gives himself to listening to secular music is polluting his entire spirit and soul. Spirit and soul are important to God and Man. The body does not profit anything. One should nurture the Spirit and the soul with something from the Lord.

If secular music mingles to the two aspects of man, the whole of that person is corrupt. Sanctified believers ready for the rapture should nurture their spirit and soul with something that is inspired

by the Holy Spirit.

Whatever music you release to your spirit and soul will reflect on your body. It is either healing or sickness. I have seen people healed as a result of listening to Christian music. I have been blessed as a result of congregational music. People have been delivered based on Christian music.

Does my listening to secular music give glory to God?

I Cor. 10:31- 33 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved"

Every believer should see himself as a witness. Witnessing whom? Witnessing Jesus. The day you gave your life to Christ there was a separation. Separation from the Kingdom of darkness into His marvelous light. You are therefore separated from the world, its systems, practices and habits. The scriptures says that we are in the world but not of the world. Whatever we do therefore should bring glory to His Name. Again, you should not cause anyone to sin by your action. Your action may be lawful but not expedient. As long as it is not expedient, you should run away from it.

Conclusion:

Listening to secular music could be a sin because it is not glorifying God.

It is lifting the praise of the devil of up. It is also polluting the temple that God has created. It is counter-productive. God's spirit cannot strive with any other spirit. The messages in secular music can carry with them certain demons. This is not supposed to be your portion. Why must you use your money to bring in spirit that will destroy you? It is worldly and deadly to your spirit soul and body!

I John 2:15 -17 declares "Do not love the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world, the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, -if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things - Philippians 4:8.

ARGUMENT - I don't listen to the words, I just like the beats/music.

RESPONSE - Your subconscious records everything! You may try to block out the lyrics, but you cannot stop them from being recorded into your mind. Your mind can even record backwards messages. It has been scientifically proven that your mind is so clever that, even when you aren't trying to, you can receive the information that is stated in the lyrics of music. Even if it is recorded backwards. And it affects you! When you listen to sex, sex, sex, or murder, murder, murder, those are things that will come out of you in the heat of the moment. They are programmed in your mind without your consent.

PROOF - How many TV commercial jingles do you know? And how many of those did you actually learn purposely? Your answer is probably that you never intended to learn them, but because they played in your mind, you learned them without putting forth any effort. Now, where do you think the foul messages from secular music are going when you listen to them?

SCRIPTURE - Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

ARGUMENT - I'm not influenced by music. I can listen to it and it won't even affect me.

RESPONSE - Then why do advertisers pay up to \$1,000,000 for 15 seconds of commercial time during the Super Bowl? They know something that you don't even know about yourself. They can play their commercial jingle and show you pictures of things, and influence you to buy their product in a matter of seconds. Your mouth gets watery, your lips get white, and your stomach starts growling because your hunger and your ears begin to work together to cause you to desire that hamburger! Well, the same goes for sin. Your fleshly man and those lyrics/videos begin to work together to cause you to desire sin. Our flesh is already wicked and desires things that are not of God. So what happens when you mix that with sinful lyrics, or sinful video images?

PROOF - What kind of music do you like? Okay, now, what kind of things do you do that are not of God? Told ya!!!

SCRIPTURE - James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

ARGUMENT - But I gotta have my music! What am I supposed to listen to? You are taking away the fun of living. Why can't we just stop being so picky about things?

RESPONSE - This thing is Spiritual. If you are thinking naturally, you will never understand the message! You will not understand what God really has for you. And you will not make it heaven without being "Spiritually minded". If you desire secular music, secular clubs, sinful movies, and sinful things all the time, you really need to check your lifestyle. Has God really come in and changed you? Are you free from demons? Please, my friend, look into your life. Check it out.

What has happened is that the people with curses, demons, or serious emotional issues and problems are famous now. They are making the music that the world is buying. They are spreading confusion and the very hidden issues in their lives to the public. So, people with issues love and desire to be with people with issues! And they are causing many others to follow them without even addressing the hidden issues of their own lives.

PROOF - Just like Lucifer in heaven. Remember that, he did not leave the presence of God alone, but he convinced 1/3 of the angels to follow him. How in the world can you convince anyone to leave the presence of God for evil? MUSIC!

SCRIPTURES -

Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.