

A Week In The Name Of Jesus Series

Monday Work	Tuesday Friends	Wednesday Self-Help	Thursday Family	Friday Pay	Saturday Play	Sunday Church
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#7 – Saturday: Play Day

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Should a Christian play?

(enjoy entertainment, pleasure, or amusement)

Consider the conclusions of the wise man Solomon:

Pursuing pleasure is meaningless *Ecc. 2:1, 2, 10, 11b*

Working constantly is meaningless *Ecc. 2:20 – 23*

There is a proper balance *Ecc. 3:1 – 8*

Ecclesiastes 3:12,13

I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil – this is the gift of God.

The “Puritan” extreme = all work and no play

“There can be intemperance in work just as in drink.” C.S. Lewis

The “Hedonist” extreme = pursue pleasure over all

2 Tim. 3:4-5

Good Entertainment

Bad Entertainment

To determine if a specific entertainment is acceptable...

1. Consider its effect on your mind and morals

Romans 12:2

Don't conform to the pattern of the world
Be transformed by renewing your mind

Philippians 4:8

Think on what is: true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy

2. Check how it affects your financial stewardship

1 Cor. 4:7

Everything we have comes from God

1 Cor. 4:2

We are stewards of what we're given

3. Look at how you are allocating your time

Ephesians 5:15

Redeem the time (KJV)
Make the most of every opportunity (NIV)

1 Cor. 6:12

Don't let anything master you

4. Watch your influence on others

1 Cor. 10:23

Some things are “legal” but not constructive
...seek the good of others

1 Cor. 10:31

Do whatever you do for the glory of God
...don't cause anyone to stumble