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There are some things a Christian ought NOT do. As this world staggers toward the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, things are going to get w-o-r-s-e, not better. According to ***2 Timothy 3:1***, these last days will be characterized by \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ times. In ***Matthew 24:12*** it is prophesied that “\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall abound.” And, it is isn't it? Were it not for the clear teachings of the word of God, it would be easy for the believer to be swept along by the tide of sin. Thank God we have the Bible! One of the “criticisms” of the Bible is that it is so NEGATIVE - full of “thou shalt not's,” etc. The fact is, the Bible IS negative in the majority of its teaching - for the simple reason that man has a POSITIVE tendency toward sin. ***John 3:19***. This study will look at some of the current “sociological sins” facing you today. They are widespread and generally acceptable in the community today. That doesn't make them right - it's what the Bible “says” that counts. ***John 12:48*** Perilous - Fraught with danger.

Preparation for This Study

First of all, we should approach any study of Gods Holy word with the mindset that “God’s word is Right all of the time.” Whether we agree with Him or not makes no difference. ***Psalms 12:6-7*** When we come to the Lord and his word with sincere and honest intentions, God will make sure that we get the TRUTH in return. ***1 Corinthians 15:33*** Whenever there is confusion around Gods word it is always having to do with a wicked underlying motive.

1. “SEPARATION” Study #19

There are two Bible truths of Separation to keep in mind while going over the issues found in this study.

“POSITIONAL SEPARATION”

***Hebrews 10:10-12***

“PRACTICAL SEPARATION”

***1 Peter 1:13-16***; ***Romans 13:13-14***

***Romans 12:1-2***

What is our liberty in Christ restricted to? ***1 Corinthians 2:9-16***; ***Galatians 5:13***; ***Ephesians 5:8*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. “VICTORY” Study # 22

It is Truth that we of the household of faith have the final victory and there is nothing that can change that. But it is very foolish and dangerous to think we are not in a REAL battle while still in the body.

What does the "world" seek from you? ***1 John 2:15-17*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Where are you to place your affections? ***Colossians 3:1-2*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Why Christians Don't Drink Alcohol

1. Drinking is a real problem in this country. Hundreds of lives are lost. Thousands, the

result of the liquor industry. And yet, for all of that, consuming alcohol is one of the most socially acceptable (and expected) pastimes in the nation.

1. The Bible has much to say concerning liquor, and is very clear in its teaching on the subject. And what the Lord say’s about it is right.
2. Before studying the Scriptures, it is vital to keep in mind the fact that the word “wine” in the Bible is a generic word which applies to all products derived from grapes - both natural grape juice and man-made alcoholic wine. The context of the passage determines what is meant in each case.
3. ***Proverbs 20:1*** “Wine is a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”
4. ***Proverbs 23:20,21*** Drunkenness leads to P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
5. ***Isaiah 5:11*** The Bible pronounces \_ \_ \_ upon drunks.
6. ***Genesis 9:20-23*** Drinking brings N \_ \_ \_ \_ness and shame.
7. ***Habakkuk 2:15*** God hates us giving our n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a drink.
8. ***Proverbs 31:4,5*** Liquor perverts J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

(***Proverbs 31:4,5*** refers to the practice of “*drinking to drown your sorrows*” - but drink **NEVER** removes the sorrows, it only compounds them, as ***Proverbs 23:29,30*** teaches.)

1. ***Isaiah 5:12,14*** Drink is a sure path to H \_ \_ \_.
2. ***Isaiah 28:7*** Drink causes us to E \_ \_.
3. ***Mark 15:23*** Jesus refused a stupefying drink of \_ \_ \_ \_ as He was being crucified.

(Stupefying- To dull the senses or faculties of.)

1. The temptation for the Christian is to drink “*socially*.” To this we answer:
2. Every drunkard began with just one drink.
3. First, man takes the drink – then, drink takes the man. ***Leviticus 10:9,10*** Nadab &

 Abihu, Aaron's Sons for example.

1. Liquor is deceiving. ***Proverbs 20:1*** says so!!
2. Keep in mind that alcoholic beverage is a man-made product. The process of fermentation requires *special conditions* and *human intervention*. The exact proportions of sugar, yeast, and water must be present, and a temperature range of between 10° and 22°C (50°-72°F) maintained – otherwise vinegar will be produced.
3. Many try to argue for drink by citing the first miracle of the Lord Jesus Christ where He turned the water into wine. But oriental weddings were religious occasions, not festive - and God never contradicts His word. This wine was grape juice. Does the Son of God approve of alcohol? If He does, how come? His word say’s it “mocks!”

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Why Christians Don't Gamble

A popular slogan promoting a lottery says, “Millions Won Weekly” - but fails to tell the other side of the story. “Countless Millions Lost Weekly,” not to mention ruined lives, broken homes, hungry children, and the accompanying rise in organized crime, prostitution, and theft that go along with it. Our country is a nation of gamblers. From raffles, bingo, and lotto, to racing and casinos, many temptations are presented to the child of God. What Does the Bible Have to “say” on this matter?

1. Gambling Is an Insult to God
2. ***Philippians 4:19*** God shall supply \_ \_ \_ our \_ \_ \_ \_.
3. ***2 Corinthians 9:8*** God will see to it that His children will have all

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in \_ \_ \_ things.

When we gamble, we are in effect saying to the Lord, “I do not think you will keep your promise.” Another truth in it is that we are not satisfied with just our needs being met. We want moorree. Greed!!!

1. Gambling Is Spiritually Dangerous

This is a sin which has drowned many a man in destruction and perdition (Hell).

***1 Timothy 6:9***

To those that will (want to above all else) be rich, the danger is that they will experience:

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F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ lusts.

1. Gambling Is Basically Selfish

To gamble requires seeking prosperity at the expense of others.

1. ***Exodus 20:17*** “Thou shalt not \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

No one gambles to lose. The prime motivation for all forms of gambling is to gain what is not worked for. That is **covetousness**. ***Proverbs 14:23***, ***Proverbs 15:27***

1. ***1 Timothy 6:10*** This verse does not teach that money is a problem, but rather the

 \_ \_ \_ \_ of money. Jesus Christ **used** money. ***Matthew 17:24-27***

1. ***Genesis 3:19*** God intends man to live by the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of his face; i.e., to work for a living. It is a principle of God that there must be:

**Work before Wealth, Sowing before Reaping|**

***2 Thessalonians 3:7-15***

Gambling annuls God's natural law because the gambler seeks to reap what others have sown.

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1. Gambling is Poor Stewardship
2. Nobody ever really wins by indulging in gambling.
3. According to ***1 Corinthians 4:2*** God requires each Christian to be \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ over all that has been given to him from His hand.

We do not approve of others gambling away our money! “You did what!”

1. Gambling is often Plain “Superstition”

“Luck Numbers”

“Lucky Systems”

“Crossing your fingers”

“Lucky Rabbit foot”

“Lucky Charm”

Read what God has to say about such things in ***Isaiah 47:12-14***

1. ***Romans 8:28*** “All things work together for \_ \_ \_ \_to them that love God...”
2. ***1 Peter 5:7*** “Casting \_ \_ \_ your \_ \_ \_ \_ upon \_ \_ \_ ...”

One word which needs to disappear from the Christian's vocabulary is “LUCK.” Luck plays no part in our Heavenly Father's loving and providential care for His own. The Lord expects us to make the right decision's, not wrong one's.

***James 4:17***

1. Gambling makes one Insensitive to God's Will

According to ***John 19:23,24,*** the Roman soldiers gambled for the clothes of the crucified Lord. They were completely unaware of the event transpiring in their presence. When anyone is consumed with self-interest, they are most insensitive to the things of the Lord.

Resist any temptation to win something. Avoid gambling as an enemy of your soul. Lean wholly upon the Lord for everything good.

Look what God's word say's about His blessings, if you will trust in Him.

“The b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the LORD, \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_, and He a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with it.” ***Proverbs 10:22***

The LORD said that there would be “NO SORROW” in the blessings that come from Him. Does gambling winnings have any sorrows attached? Hmmmm.

Why Christians Do Not Smoke

Smoking (like many other drugs) is controlling and powerful. That is why so many Christians have a real problem in this area. Smoking (and other harmful drugs) should be abstained from in your life - For three Bible reasons:

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1. For Physical Reasons

It is common knowledge that smoking is harmful and even deadly. Unsaved people quit smoking for this reason, but more so should the Christian.

1. ***1 Corinthians 6:19*** The believer's physical body is the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_of the \_ \_ \_ \_

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_. It is sacred, and ought not be defiled by any known harmful substance.

1. ***1 Corinthians 3:16-17*** “Know ye not that ye are the t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, and that the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ dwelleth in you? If any man d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the temple of God, him shall God d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; for the temple of God is \_ \_ \_ \_, which temple ye are.”
2. ***1 Corinthians 9:27*** The Apostle Paul kept his physical body well by keeping it under s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

Remember - It is with your body that you serve the Lord. Harming it on purpose only hinders effective service, and causes pain and suffering to you until you leave your body.

1. For Emotional Reasons
2. Many people take up serious smoking (and drugs) because of underlying emotional

 causes - insecurity, anxiety, etc. It becomes a deadly power over a Christian. Being

 controlled by anything other than the Holy Ghost and God's word can develop into

 terrible consequences.

1. The believer is to be “…c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (full of care, anxious) for nothing...”

 ***Philippians 4:6*** but to learn to trust in the Lord for all things.

“Trust in the LORD with \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and lean not unto thine own understanding. In \_ \_ \_ thy ways acknowledge him, and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_thy paths.” ***Proverbs 3:5,6***

1. Believing and doing ***Philippians 4:4-9*** does away with anything that tries to overpower us and control us. By minding God's word some problems, we never have! God is right! Amen!
2. For Spiritual Reasons
3. A smoking Christian is a poor testimony because, right or wrong, the world should

 perceive him to be clean in his habits, morals, and disciplines. ***Romans 12:1-2***

Also, the Scriptures plainly command us that we not put a stumbling block out in front of any brother in Christ. If his relationship with the Lord and the Scriptures are hindered because of him seeing a Christian he respects smoking, it could make him stumble in his faith and walk. ***Romans 14:21***

One of the greatest obstacles to winning someone to the Lord Jesus Christ is stale, stinking tobacco breath (or any bad breath, for that matter).

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“Let \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ so shine before \_ \_ \_, that they may \_ \_ \_ your \_ \_ \_ \_ works, and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ your Father which is in heaven.” ***Matthew 5:16***

***Romans 13:11-14***

God bless you for obeying the Scriptures!

Why Christians Do Not Dance

1. Dancing is a practice with strong sexual overtones!

Be it “ballroom” style with its intimate embrace, or the latest body-shaking “gyrations” which flaunt the flesh and lower God given inhibitions. If dancing has any place whatsoever, it could only be between husband and wife in the privacy of their marriage relationship. ***Hebrews 13:4***; ***Psalms 101:3***

1. The Bible associates dancing with evil!
2. Read ***Exodus 32:1-29*** Dancing is mentioned here in ***verse 19***. Notice the things associated with the dancing that is going on.

***vs.4*** - making new gods: worshipping new gods.

***vs.6*** - offering to other gods, drinking.

***vs.8*** - turned out of the way; false worship.

***vs.9*** - stiff-necked.

***vs.10*** - Gods wrath is kindled.

***vs.10-14*** - takes Moses to change Gods mind who wanted to judge this behavior.

***vs.17*** - noise; shouting: sounds like war.

***vs.18*** - singing.

***vs.19*** - makes righteous men angry.

***vs.21-24*** - lying "there came out this calf'.

***vs.22*** - mischief.

***vs.25*** - corruption; nakedness; shame.

***vs.26-28*** - decisions for or against the LORD; death.

1. Read ***Matthew 14: 1-12***

Dancing was the means of getting the adulterous Herod to put John the Baptist to death. Who danced here? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Read ***2 Samuel 6:12-23*** Here is another place in the scriptures where King David danced. As we read, notice the entirely different scenario going on and the reason for the dance.
2. King David danced alone.
3. King David danced “before the LORD.”
4. The whole gathering was a time of rejoicing and holiness.

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1. The house of Israel was glad, not disgusted, embarrassed, or offended with King David.
2. King David and Israel had just tried this in the previous chapter and it failed because they did it wrong. The LORD smote Uzzah’s life for his “error.” Who in their right

mind would think David would have chanced dancing like Michal described as “a shameless vile fellow?”

1. The Bible says David was afraid of the LORD when he killed Uzzah. He would not have danced wickedly or inappropriate in any manner.
2. The LORD, nor the scriptures say David uncovered himself. Michal said it in her jealousy over the handmaids. Notice, Michal never mentions Israel or the men, only the handmaids. Hmmm!
3. The LORD accepted the sacrifices that David offered before and after. (burnt and peace offerings).
4. The scriptures say plainly in the same verse that mentions David danced that he “was girded with a linen ephod”. What’s the problem?
5. It is obvious that Michal despised David in her heart as her father Saul did.
6. David blessed the people “in the name of the LORD of hosts.” He also dealt out gifts to all the people “as well to women as men.” Why was David not embarrassed about his behavior?
7. David came home to “bless” his household with nothing to hide.
8. Michal could not wait until David came into his house, but “came out to meet David.”
9. Michal is sarcastic to David.
10. Michal showed no respect to David as her husband or the King of Israel.
11. David rebukes her accusations, and corrects her.
12. David says of the maids, “of them shall I be had in honour.”
13. Michal appears to have been punished for calling good evil. God wants us to know what came out of this which is “had no child unto the day of her death.”
14. Immediately following this, the LORD establishes the Davidic Covenant People say what they want about David’s “dancing” but the LORD never critiqued it at all.

People that attempt to bring David into condemnation and compare his dancing to the above dancing are trying to excuse something their hiding in their own heart. Lust! See also ***Exodus 15:1-21***

Aaron's sister Miriam (the prophetess) and all the women dance and sang as she and David said “before the LORD” and “to the LORD.”

The first recorded singer is Moses. The first recorded dancer is Moses' sister.

This shows us that there can be no real singing until redemption and no real dancing until there has been deliverance from the world system.

One more! Notice “musick” and “dancing” showed up when a son repents and comes back to the Father. ***Luke 15:25***; ***1 Corinthians 10:31***

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Why Christians Do Not Listen to Rock and Roll “Music”

Many Christians believe the issue of music is simply a matter of personal taste. Some listen to classical; others jazz; many country and western; yet others rap, easy listening, acid rock, head banging, hip-hop, blues, funk, soul, and some Rock and Roll. However, personal taste is not the proper Bible answer when it comes to what God thinks is proper for His children.

Music is, and always will be a critical area in the Christians life that should be guarded with the utmost sobriety and vigilance. There have been many Christians lives destroyed and made

useless for the Lord because of music.

There is much more than meets the ear, as any careful study of the subject will reveal. Rock and Roll especially is downright dangerous music as are all music forms that are anti-biblical, anti-truth, anti-edifying, and anti-spiritual. While this part of our study will speak a lot concerning Rock and Roll, the idea is for us to see the importance and reason for the RIGHT MUSIC to be in the Christians mind. Not only should Christians avoid listening to Rock and Roll, but young people (especially teens) must be protected from its influence. There are many things involving music other than melody, harmony, and rhythm such as; Satan, power, drugs, sexual perversion, violence, communism, false religions, blasphemy, the occult, subliminal messages and nihilism.

1. **God's Standards for Music**
2. ***Ephesians 5:19,20*** The three forms of music are:
3. P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ - Scripture set to music.
4. H \_ \_ \_ \_ - songs based upon Scripture.
5. S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_S \_ \_ \_ \_ - Christ-exalting music which speaks to the spiritual man, not the old nature. Flesh!
6. ***Colossians 3:16***

Christian songs should T \_ \_ \_ \_ and A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ one another.

1. **Music Profoundly Affects Us**
2. Think of how a stirring march picks us up - how soft organ music makes many people feel “religious” - how a love ballad can make you melancholy. Music can give a man courage in battle, or reduce him to tears. Thus, we see the importance of music - and, for the Christian the importance of the right kinds of music. The following diagram will explain the effect of music upon a man.

**Music**

Has Three Parts

Melody

Harmony

Rhythm

**Man**

Has Three Parts

Spirit

Soul/Intellect

Body/Flesh

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1. The difference between godly music and rock and roll is that godly music emphasizes the “melody” ***Ephesians 5:19*** and controls the harmony and rhythm - whereas rock and roll is heavy on the beat “rhythm,” with little attention to the melody. In doing so, rock and roll arouses the flesh.

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and

making M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ I \_ y \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_;” ***Ephesians 5:19***

“The great strength of rock and roll lies in its beat ... it is a music which is basically sexual, un-Puritan ... and a threat to established patterns and values.” -Irwin Silber, Marxist writer-

1. **Why Rock and Roll Music Is Harmful**
2. **Power**

Its emphasis is on the beat, and the kind of beat (throbbing, pulsating) appeals to the flesh/body; and in conjunction with everything else about rock and roll, it arouses impure thoughts and behavior. In addition, putting “Christian” words to a rock beat, as do so-called “Christian Rock” and much of the Contemporary Christian Music (CCM), is no different. It appeals to the “flesh.” Spiritual music affects the spirit, not the flesh!

“Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself p \_ \_ \_.”

***1 Timothy 5:22***; ***1 John 3:3***

The tempo of the voodoo drums has been known to make a listener powerless to resist the music's pounding beat… At rock concerts when the tempo of the music hits a certain pitch it brings a psychological response which the audience is powerless to resist.” ~Dr. Walter Wright~

***1 Corinthians 6:12***

“We take kids away from their parents and their environment to where the only reality is the rhythm and the beat.” -Grand Funk Railroad's Donnie Brewer-

1. **Drugs and Sex**

“No matter what anyone tells you, drugs will always be a part of the rock scene.”

-Circus Magazine-

“I'm in the music business for the sex and narcotics.” -Glenn Fry of the Eagles-

Former Beatle John Lennon says “the group indulged in sexual orgies on tours and made heavy use of drugs.” -UPI release from San Francisco before John Lennon death-

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“I want to smoke dope, lick dope, anything I could get my hands on I wanted to do. All my life I just wanted to be a beatnik, meeting all the heavies, getting stoned, getting laid, have a good time.” -Janis Joplin to Time Magazine-

***1 Corinthians 6:13***; ***Romans 12:1-2***

1. **Rebellion and Violence**

“Rebellion is the basis for our group. Some kids who listen to us are really deranged, but they look at us as heroes because their parents hate us.”

-Alice Cooper-

“We are the forces of anarchy and confusion.” -Jefferson Starship-

“The violence was beyond comprehension.” -A reporter at a Rolling Stones concert with the Hell's Angels as body guards-

“Damage, damage, damage. It's a great way to shake society's value system. It makes mothers disown their children. It makes school teachers puke.”-excerpt from Pete Townshend’s notes-

***Proverbs 17:11***; ***Proverbs 4:13-17***

1. **Blasphemy**

“The dream is over. God is merely a concept by which we measure our pain.”

-Lyrics from “God” by John Lennon-

“All going **down** to see the Lord Jesus”

-Lyrics from a song of Queen-

“In the beginning, man created God. In the image of man created he Him. And man gave unto him a multitude of names, that he might be Lord over all the earth when it was suited to man.” -a statement on the album cover of Jethro Tull's “Aqualung”-

***Colossians 3:8-9***; ***Mark 7:20-23***

1. **Communism; False Religions; The Occult**

“The revolutionary youth of the world hears your music and is inspired to even more deadly acts…We will play your music…as we tattoo BURN,BABY,BURN on the bellies of wardens and generals and create a new society from the ashes of our fires…you will play your splendid music…under the hanging corpses of priests, under a million red flags waying over a million anarchist communities… LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION” -a group of young radicals welcome statement in part to the Rolling Stones, upon coming to the West Coast. Ralph J. Gleason

***Proverbs 2:10-15***

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“This much more validity to Hinduism than anything in Christianity!” “I kicked the concept of a ‘man in the sky’ a long time ago. Jesus was a divine incarnation like Buddha and Krishna…I believe in rebirth. You keep coming back until you have got it straight. The ultimate thing is to manifest divinity and become one with the Creator.” -George Harrison of The Beatles-

***Exodus 20:1-3***; ***Matthew 7:22-23***; ***John 14:6***

“Rock and roll has always been the devil's music. It could well bring about a very evil feeling in the West.” -David Bowie Rolling Stone Magazine-

“I've always been fascinated by the supernatural and always felt rock was the perfect idiom for it…When I go on stage, I get possessed.” -Meat Loaf's Jim Steinman-

“The Lucifer Of Rock-The Unholy Roller" -Newsweek magazine called Mick Jagger-

***John 8:43-49***; ***John 10:26-29***

1. **Back-masked & Subliminal Messages**

“Oh, Satan, move in our voices.” Back-masking on Styx song “Snowblind.”

“Satan, Satan, Satan! He is God! He is God!” -Subliminal back-masking on Black Oak Arkansas song “When Electricity Came to Arkansas”-

“I've decided to smoke marijuana,” and “It's fun to smoke marijuana.” Back-masking on Queen's song “Another One Bites the Dust”

***Hebrews 3:12-13***; ***2 Thessalonians 2:8-10***

1. **Nihilism** *The belief that there is no meaning or purpose in existence, the general* *rejection in customary beliefs in morality, religion, etc*. “SUICIDE”

“Rock is going to get me somehow. It gets everybody in the end.” -Keith Moon

Peter Townshend, The Who-

“I don't care what you say, there's nothing that means anything.” -Lyrics in a song titled “No Values” by Black Flag-

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“I, Robert, am about to end all misery caused by myself. It's been a short and tragic life. (18 years) for me and others close by me. I've been a “----’up” from day one. Recently, I've been in a lot of trouble (drug related) causing great stress to me and my family. I've fallen into depression lately and cannot handle it any longer. Oh yes, tell Sergeant “-----” that I would rather be dead than a narc (drug informant). I hope God has mercy on my soul.” -A suicide letter written by Robert to his family-

“I've thought about it many times, and there's just nothing worth living for… Sometimes it seems that life is just too long to wait.” -Words of a recording made by 16-year-old Dexter Gardner to his parents before shooting himself-

“There is no such thing as a secure, family-oriented rock and roll song.” -Tampa Tribune by Mick Jagger-

***Matthew 11:28-30***

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, ***THINK ON THESE THINGS***." ***Philippians 4:8***

This concludes out study on X-Rated for Christians. The Lord bless you for honoring His word.

Amen!

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