

# Banished to Babylon, USA

## Media Discernment in Our Culture for Parents

*Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority;  
They show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise;  
They no longer rise when elders enter the room;  
They contradict their parents, chatter before company;  
Gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers.*  
--Socrates, Fifth Century B.C.

Viewing Standards in America

Research on Christian versus Secular Media Diet

Teens and Adults Viewing Habits

The Church and the History of Media

Being Banished to Babylon, USA

Youth Targeted Media Agendas

Moving Out of Culture or Have Our Culture Move Out of Us

# Teaching Our Children Media Discernment

## Ages and Stages

### Ages 2-7

- Active Imagination
- Confuse Fact and Fiction
- Easily Frightened
- Violence and Rewards and Punishments
- Children Emulate Characters

### Ages 7-11

- Thoughts are Reality
- Upset by Suspense
- Focus on Conceptual Qualities
- Fear of the Unknown

### Ages 12-15

- Abstract Thoughts Gain Strength
- Inability to Conceptualize Thoughts of Others
- Difficulty Conceptualizing Consequences of Actions
- Most Vulnerable to the Influence of Media
- Confuse Fiction with Reality and Historical Data
- Pornography Can Become Addicting

### Ages 16-Adult

- Coming to a Place of Maturity
- Differentiation
- Recognizes Consequences
- An Adults Viewpoint

# Teaching Media Discernment to Our Children with a Plan at Each Stage of Development

## **Ages 2-7**

- Protection
  
- Suggested Viewing Material
  
- Suggested Activities

## **Ages 7-11**

- Parents are the Main Guide
  
- Suggested Viewing Material
  
- Not Awakening Love Before Its Time
  
- Suggested Activities

## **Ages 12-15**

- Using Convictions to Test Viewing Standards



