

Pray for the Media

The media is unquestionably one of the most powerful and influential voices in our culture. Journalism used to be a simple matter of reporting the facts and, where there was controversy, presenting both sides of the story. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. From the top national networks to local newspapers, we are faced with the challenge of sorting through commentary and conjecture in order to get to the truth.

Meanwhile, throughout the entertainment industry, the heroes of pop culture model vices such as materialism, promiscuity, substance abuse and violence. Professional athletes, once some of our nation's most revered and reliable role models, now watch many of their fellow players regularly fall into public disgrace.

Those of us determined to be discerning are constantly faced with the task of wading through the media's often biased and immoral offerings to find wholesome and acceptable alternatives for ourselves and our families. Specifically, we need to recognize and reject the errant messages of popular culture that run counter to the Judeo-Christian system of values.

We encourage you to make our nation's journalists a subject of prayer. Ask the Lord to

provide the
television, radio and print mediums with staff members and
executives
who are committed to accuracy and integrity.

We must also remember to
intercede on behalf of the actors, musicians and athletes our
young
people seek to emulate. Pray that more of Hollywood's
celebrities will
be worthy of our respect and admiration. And as you watch your
favorite
sport, ask the Lord to strengthen and embolden any Christians
on the
team or coaching staff. Nothing is too difficult for God and
though
the industry often seems unprincipled, we know the Lord is
able to use
the media to accomplish His purposes.

Scripture

Here are scriptures to use to pray for truth and morality to
be presented.

- *Proverbs 12:9-22*
- *Ephesians 4:29*
- *Philippians 4:8*
- *Matthew 12:36-37*

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