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System Movies!

Finding the Balance for Godly Viewing!

Required Reading for All Adults, Teens & JETTs!
 (A united reading with all three age groups present is not necessary, but we do suggest
 Teens & JETTs read unitedly in their respective groups.)

One of the major goals of the Summit '92 Meetings was to seek the Lord about ways to make things easier for the Family, ways to make the DTR more effective without adding more burdens to the Homes. We wanted to find the means to overcome whatever obstacles were in the way of achieving the ultimate goal of the DTR, that of becoming wholehearted 110% disciples. In order to do this, we had to define the things that were holding us back, that were distracting us, that were interfering with victories we were trying to win & the blessings that the Lord wants to bestow on us. As we sought the Lord desperately for these answers, the Lord faithfully showed us the areas which He wanted us to work on.

As you know from GN 498 ("Prophecies for Dad's Healing" & "Preach the Word"), perhaps the most important area He's asked us to change in is in regards to our outreach methods. He wants us to present the full counsel of God, the whole Message, & in particular, the Endtime Message. Thank the Lord we have all accepted that challenge, & since the beautiful Fast Days we've been obeying this call. The Lord has been doing miracles & has blessed us wonderfully as we distribute the "meaty" Posters & concentrate more on personal witnessing. We're winning more souls, reaching more with the Message & He is faithfully supplying our needs as we obey Him! He never fails! PTL! The fruits of obedience, both spiritual & physical, are evi-

dent in every Home. As Dad said, "Obedience brings on the Spirit of God!" As we've obeyed, the Lord has blessed, & as we continue to obey & follow closely, He will bless beyond measure. PTL!

Each phase of the DTR has required steps of obedience & sacrifice. We've had to adhere to stricter schedules & fulfill certain requirements. We've had to take a stand against our NWOs. We've had to break down the double standards. We've had to rearrange our schedules in order to meet the needs of our children, JETTs & Teens. We've had to institute Personal Time, daily Family Time, weekly Family Day. We're required to write OHRs, to be more open & honest. It's been a fight! It's been difficult to implement these changes!—But it's been worth it!

The results brought about by the DTR have been wonderful! The overall general happi-

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ness, fulfillment & unity of our Homes has been boosted to new heights! The adults are more fulfilled, the JETTs & Teens are much better shepherded, & because of it are much happier! PTL! The initial sacrifices, which were necessary to make, have brought about wonderful changes in every way!

The changes we've begun to make in our outreach have again required a step of faith & have made us break out of our old ruts. But it's been liberating! We're receiving wonderful reactions about the effect personal witnessing is having on the lives of not only our Teens & JETTs, but on our adults as well. Many are reacting to how wonderful it is to see the Lord miraculously supply their Homes' needs, even during the fast from Video & Tape distribution. As we pray desperately for the Lord to supply, He does! It's having a wonderful, faith-building effect on the Teens & JETTs as they see the Hand of God moving!

So although some of the changes of the DTR have been difficult to make & have taken real steps of faith & obedience to implement, the Lord has more than matched each of these steps with His blessings, both spiritual & physical. We've had to set aside the weights & sins that so easily beset us—our independence, our compromises & our selfishness—but we've gained so much more!—A closer contact with the Lord, more loving communication with our children, closer & better shepherding. Our children have become more grounded in the Word & better educated. The fruit of these changes & sacrifices has definitely been good!

Knowing the good fruit of the DTR made it easier for the leaders attending the Summit '92 Meetings to understand & undertake some of the further changes the Lord indicated He wanted made. It gave them the faith that even though some of these matters might be "hard sayings" because they would require further sacrifice, the fruit of such changes would be good & that the Family would benefit & be strengthened through them.

During the first three meetings of the Summit the Lord gave many very encouraging things in prophecy, as He continued to do throughout the duration of the Meetings. As time went on though, His "preaching went to

meddling" in many ways, as He began to point out the areas that we need to work on—our Family NWOs! As He began to address these points it was very convicting, especially because on each of these points we saw how we had strayed from the Word that has already been written on these very subjects. Time & again, the Lord brought out that we needed to simply obey the Words of David. With each NWO He showed us that these things were already covered in the Letters, & that if we wanted His blessings & we wanted to progress as a Family, we needed to get back to simply obeying them.

It wasn't such a big surprise then, when the Lord pointed the finger at one particular area of our Family life in which we have strayed to the point of having allowed the Enemy to slither into our Garden of Eden. We have tightened up spiritually in so many other areas, in order to close the door to the Enemy's devices & to protect our Teens & JETTs from "the roaring lion who walketh about seeking whom he may devour." (1Pet.5:8) We devote countless hours in trying to spiritually strengthen ourselves, as well as the Teens & JETTs, through the Word. We try to live in a Godly manner by working on overcoming our NWOs of pride, jealousy, selfishness, materialism, criticalness, anger, impatience etc., & we spend a lot of time reading & counselling about these weaknesses, as well as having prayer against them.

However, most of us spend two, three, four, & even up to six hours each week in a form of entertainment or "relaxation" that often promotes these very things! We virtually invite some of the most proud, selfish, materialistic, critical, angry, impatient, violent, foul-mouthed people into our living rooms once or twice a week, & allow them to preach their message to us, as we sit there eagerly drinking it in! If you haven't guessed it by now, we're talking about television, & more specifically about System movies.

Now, of course, all System movies aren't bad, & Dad has had a lot to say about various movies that he's enjoyed & even recommended for the Family to watch. Unfortunately, however, we haven't stuck closely to the standard that Dad has laid down for the type of movies that he considers good. When

we first started to watch videos 12 years ago, in 1980, we were quite careful about the things we watched. Generally, our standard of viewing at that time was quite high & we stuck pretty much to the types of movies Dad

recommended. However, as the years passed by, due to the lack of good movies that were available & our growing desire to watch movies, we began to be less obedient in following the standard that Dad had set.

Summary of Dad's Guidelines for Movies

Perhaps it would help to take a look at some of the guidelines that Dad has given in the Letters, by which we are to judge the movies that we watch. As you read these following quotes from the Letters, think about some of the movies that you've watched in the last year & ask yourself if most of them have met the standards set down in the Word.

The Wrong Kind of Movies!

■ Foul Language

If there's too much bad language, especially if there's a lot of foul-mouth vile terms with really dirty sexual inferences etc., that is really foul, we don't want our kids to get used to hearing that stuff & then become inclined to use it, so I wouldn't approve of movies that have that.

I really hate to hear them say "Jesus Christ" all the time. So many of these Jewish movies now use "Jesus Christ" as a curse word & as cursing.

Movies that glorify sin, filth & bad language, avoid'm!

One thing that mitigates against any movie, & there's a lot of it now, is a lot of bad language in the movie. (*mitigates = works against)*

■ Sodomy

We don't consider that nudity & sex are necessarily wrong in a movie, except homosexuality, Sodomy, which God hates!—And there's a lot of it in movies now. I would avoid any movie or series that even tolerates Sodomy!

■ Violence

I don't care for those violent, shoot'm-up, gangster movies. I don't care for cowboy movies, either! The cowboy industry is built on the gun, the quick shot, killing people. The gun is the law—not love, but violence! People loved cowboy movies when they were the most popular because they were violent. Now they've got stuff more violent & more wrecking & more horrendous!

These modern violence movies with all that violence & fights & chases, ugh! The average American movie almost makes no sense at all, it's just a shoot'm-up, a fight, a chase! They typically start out with a mystery, somebody commits a crime, then whodunnit. Then they find out whodunnit & they've got the car chase, & they bang up several cars in the process. I think it's terrible the way they absolutely ruin good cars. They must be destroying them by the millions of Dollars' worth now! Then they catch the culprit & they shoot it out. Then they run out of bullets so they have a fist fight, until finally, by brawn & bravery, they beat the guy down & they've got him. Now isn't that the usual scenario? Almost every single stupid idiotic damn American so-called "action" movie is like that!—So watch out for so-called "action" movies!

Those Americans love cruelty, they love violence, they love destruction! They love to see those beautiful new cars torn up by the millions of Dollars' worth every year in movies. They love to see houses blown up, explosions & people cruelly treated & murdered & tortured & destroyed. They love it! That's what most of these movies are about most of the time. You can hardly find something peaceful, something beautiful, some-

thing natural, something human about human relations, about people, without all this shoot'm up, blow'm up, tear'm up junk! Most American television is nothing but violence & destruction, & they love it! The Bible speaks of them that love death! (Pro.8:36) They love to defy death, they love to tempt death, they love the races, they love the stunt men, guys that have to defy death all the time & risk their lives just to amuse people & entertain people.

And I'm sorry to say, the greatest producers of Oriental movies in the East, because they want to sell in the American market, both the Japanese & Chinese movies, are usually largely the same kind of shit!—Only they have almost more fights & more violence! They figured if they have more—with Kung Fu & kicking & socking & breaking necks & whatnot—that the Americans will love it, & I guess they do, they make it for them & they must buy it—so that's the Japanese & the Chinese movies. The sad thing about that is, those movies are not made in China, they're nearly all made in Hong Kong, which is full of that kind of violence & crime & gangs etc.

If a movie is just the same old thing, bang bang, shoot'm-up Western, cowboy, gangster, strictly action, chases, fights, violence—I get sick of it!

■ Foolish & Cruel Comedies

Have you ever noticed how audiences these days laugh the most when the entertainers make unkind cuts & digs at each other & make fun of each other? It seems like that's the greatest joke of all, when they are mean to each other & say unkind things to each other & make cutting digs at each other & try to embarrass each other. That's supposed to be funny. Isn't that something? Well, to me it's just offensive. It's impolite & discourteous. When I was a kid, audiences would be almost stunned & offended at that stuff, now they just roar & they think it's funny to see people hurting each other.

Some comedies are slapstick comedies, just silly ridiculous stuff, idiotic & sickening.—It's just junk! Absolute junk! It's all slapping & hitting each other & throwing pies—silly, idiotic, ridiculous stuff. Slapstick is unbelievable, it's not natural, it's not real,

it's not normal! Try to be a little choosy, & don't waste your time with stuff that's plain junk or silliness or foolishness, OK? I don't like wasting my time watching something that really isn't believable, isn't human, isn't normal, natural.

■ Deceitfulness & Lying

There are some series & movies too that are basically good, they have good morals & good lessons in the end, but they're full of deceitfulness & lying.—And everybody just laughs about it. Nowadays lying is approved of & even glorified! If you get away with it, they portray it as a great thing, you were really smart to deceive your parents or to deceive somebody else. It's approved of & laughed at & even applauded. I think that's very very bad, that type of stuff. Even some of the most seemingly innocent movies, like some of these family-type movies with lots of children in them have a lot of that now.

■ Portrayals of American System Families & American Values

I think movies of typical American families, showing the way their children behave—or misbehave—are horrible dandy bad examples because their children are disobedient, defiant, rebellious, fighting & feuding & hating each other, calling each other names & constantly trying to triumph over each other.—As well as using bad language & manifesting total rebellion! They're horrible examples! Most of these American movies with American children in them are very bad examples! You'd hate to look to them & follow their example!—They lie all the time, they're full of deceitfulness & are always trying to get away with as much as they can. Even though they supposedly repent in the end & all forgive each other, the dirty work & damage has been done & they had so much fun doing it! That kind of stuff is certainly not a good example for our children.

If American life & families are anything at all like some of the movies we've seen, even those depicting what are supposed to be the best families, the rich, they are in a mess! They virtually never mention God or anything spiritual at all unless it's demonic or Satanic or occult! Everything's just absolute chaos,

bedlam, Babylon, & hardly anything turns out the way you feel like it ought to! You're waiting to see how this scene or that story is going to turn out & you just have a feeling inside how it ought to turn out, the way you want it to turn out, but it doesn't! It usually turns out some perverted, opposite way & everything goes bad, everything goes wrong. So if that's any sample of American life & so-called civilized culture of the Western World today, it's really a mess!

And some of the movies they're making in the East aren't much better!—In fact, some are worse! They're just filled with crime & violence from one end to the other, just horrible! Even in the family movies of husbands & wives & romances, they're sockin' each other & beatin' each other up & he's knockin' her down. I never saw such violence used on women, & they think nothing of it! Apparently that's the custom, for husbands to beat their wives & knock'm down. So the World is in one horrible mess & the Lord's got to stop it pretty soon or there won't be anything left!

■ Unloving Relationships & Unloving Sex

All the heroes of these detective movies & shoot'm-ups etc. have a different woman constantly, they're falling in & out of love just as fast as they come, bed-hopping around etc. (Well, we have no particular complaint about sharing love with others, we do it ourselves, but we share in love.) The love you see in movies is usually only love for the moment, just temporary infatuation, sexual attraction, that's about all there is. Real genuine lasting love has disappeared from American movies! You seldom ever see anything with high ideals, genuine lasting love & loyalty & faithfulness, it's the rarest kind of thing, the old-fashioned movies with genuine romance & genuine beautiful love stories, very rare.

I always thought of love & sex on such a lofty plane! I was such a romanticist, I guess it came as a shock to me to find people just liked to chew on each other just for fleshly satisfaction! When you know it's not in love at all, there's no love in it, just pure—it's not even pure—just plain ugly, sickening, fleshly, hoggish sex! You can see a couple of hogs in the wallow having that kind of sex, no love in it. It's dis...sickening—dis-sickening, yes—

disgusting & sickening, that's all, just chewing on each other! It's getting to where now in the movies it's appalling!

■ Gory Hospital Movies

Those hospital movies that seem to be so popular now, I don't like them at all! Why should we go through all that suffering & gore & blood & guts & junk? Spare yourself from hospital movies!

■ Horror Movies

Now they are able to create on video & television these horror visions—I should call them nightmares—of all these terrors & horrors that it used to be impossible for them to do. Now they can do it all! The Devil has gotten these mad scientists to the point where they have figured out how to create these things in visual images on the television or video screen, & they can show you absolutely anything!

Some people have a fascination for evil, that's why they like all these horror movies & violent movies & all that kind of stuff, they're fascinated by evil! Horrible!

I sometimes wonder if maybe because the World seems to have a taste for Hell & seems to love death & has such a fascination for evil, that God's allowing them to see it, to get a real taste of Hell & really see what it's like! If you want to see what Hell's like, just watch some of those noise videos (music videos) or horror movies or horror cartoons or animations! There's the whole works! Everything you can possibly imagine, the worst of Hell, is right there in pictures!

Children today are being taught by television not to be afraid of demons & devils, not to be afraid of dragons & monsters & horrors, that they're not really bad! It goes right along with the teaching of Evolution & the teaching of modern psychiatry today, that there is no right or wrong, there's nothing really bad & all things in a way are good. What doctrines of devils! What damnable devilish doctrines! That's your World today, that's your System!

■ The Message of Hopelessness in Today's Movies

These junk movies of today give you a feeling of the hopelessness of the World:

“There’s no use, give up! Nothing right ever happens, everything goes wrong! It’s all injustice & all bad & the World’s a terrible place & God must be a monster to have created such a thing” & all that sort of thing, blaming it all on God!

What a mess the entertainment world is in, it’s just horrible, when it could be such a good tool, as it once was! But most of today’s so-called music, entertainment, plays, dramas, movies, television, videos & what have you, have no rhyme nor reason nor purpose nor anything sensible to teach, no lesson to learn! Their whole message is hopelessness, it’s all for no reason, no purpose, no rhyme nor reason to life! They’re saying, “Everything’s a mess! Why not just get out of here, shoot yourself! So what? Let the atomic war come & blow us all up, the sooner the better!”

The kind of junk the Devil’s dishing out today teaches uselessness & purposelessness: “There’s no reason for anything! There’s no God, no purpose to life, no reason behind it all, it’s all crazy & idiotic & madness & insanity!” Well, of course the way they live it & the kind of stuff they feed on, it is madness & insanity!

I’ll tell you, I don’t believe in advertising the Devil’s business if we can help it! We have to be aware of it sometimes & not ignorant of his devices, but you don’t just have to deliberately advertise all that junk & dwell on the negative & dwell on the ugly & the bad & the evil!

The Right Kind of Movies!

The criterion in movie watching is not “Will it hurt’m?” but “Is it good for’ m?”—Is

Summit '92 Prophecies about System Movies

When thinking & praying about our general Family movie watching, it’s pretty easy to see that, overall, we haven’t kept real close to the clear guidelines given in the Letters. LHUs! It’s not surprising, then, to see what the Lord

it edifying, profitable, inspiring & does it teach a good lesson?

Whether it’s sad or happy, whether it’s entertaining or serious, if it’s a good movie, it should leave you with some kind of good feeling that you were edified by it in some way or learned an important lesson or at least that you’re happy.

I would say one of the most important things is that they should show that good always wins in the end. To show a movie where the evil is victorious, I think is very depressing.

But remember, just because a movie has a good lesson or a good ending at the end, it’s not worth watching if you have to go through too much preaching of the Devil’s doctrine & too much garbage before you come to the good ending! Because if the majority of the movie brings out the Devil’s triumphs & then suddenly it has a good ending, what’s going to last in your mind & make an impression on you & what you’re going to remember is all that came before, not just the one little half-second lesson at the end. So there are different ways of judging happy endings too.

A good movie should leave you with a good feeling that that’s the way it should have ended, the only way it could have ended—right!

Thank God for movies that relate & make you feel like it could’ve happened, it’s real, like, “Well, that’s been my experience!” It’s believable, it’s got faith, it’s got love, it’s got humanness, it’s got a lesson. That’s the kind of movies we’re looking for!—Movies that teach something, show something good like faith & love & all that. For God’s sake, don’t watch any of that other garbage! Don’t waste your time, not a minute, looking at that other junk! (End of quotes from Dad’s Letters.)

said concerning our video viewing, as He expressed in the following prophecies given to the leaders at Summit '92:

(Fam:) “For I set Adam & Eve in a garden of perfection & beauty & gave them all things

to enjoy, & yet the Evil One was able to tempt them with the Tree of Knowledge. They lusted after it to their own destruction because it appealed to their eyes that it might make them wise. There is this choice set before you: Will ye eat of the good fruit which I have provided, or will ye be tempted, will ye be fascinated with that which appeareth good, but is not? For as David said, he would set no cursed thing before his eyes, have ye followed in his footsteps?

“Have ye by your traditions made My Word of none effect? Have your little ones seen your hunger for My Word, or have they seen you be mindful of this life & the things which pass away? These are subtle inroads & in them is a hidden danger. It is a sin that is visited to the next generation. If ye will seek My Will & seek to please Me & seek to be My disciples, ye will hunger & thirst for that which will strengthen your convictions, will edify your spirits, that will enlighten your minds.

“Therefore cast not aside your armour & leave no chinks in it, lest the Enemy snare you in a time when ye think not. The Enemy goeth about as a roaring lion at all times, seeking whom he may devour. Ye may be on R&R, but the Wicked One is not, & he would seek to bait you & trap you when ye are not aware of his devices. Therefore heed this warning, for the days are short & the time of repentance is now. Ye have not much time. For of what a man partaketh, that he becometh. If ye will cleanse yourselves of these things ye shall be thoroughly furnished unto every good work & ye shall be able to face the battle. But ye must put away from the midst of you these speaking of vanities, the Enemy’s devices & his wicked ways, where he would seek to propagandise your flock.

“Ye, as Shepherds, must take a stand & rid the camp of the wolves that would devour your little ones, for they cannot resist this influence on their own. Ye must be willing to sacrifice for their sake. It is a small thing that I ask you to forsake compared to what I will give you in return.”

(Fam:) “Why halt ye between two opinions? For if God be God, serve Him. Ye cannot serve God & manmon.”

(Fam:) “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For have I not said unto you before, ‘Love not the World, neither the things that are in the World? For the things that are of the World are not of the Father, but are of the Devil.’ For this kind cometh not out but by prayer & fasting.”

(Fam:) “Have I not said that ye are My Bride & ye are My Church & My Body? Wherefore come out from among them & be ye separate, saith the Lord, & touch not the unclean thing. For have I not said that in the Latter Days the Church shall go through a time of purging & purifying & making white? If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour. Ye are My Body & My Temple.”

(Family reads the following passage from 1Cor.1:) “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us that are saved, it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, & will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this World? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this World? For after that in the wisdom of God, the World by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. The Jews require a sign, & the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, & unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, both Jews & Greeks, Christ the power of God & the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, & the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called, but God hath chosen the foolish things of the World to confound the wise; & God hath chosen the weak things of the World to confound the things which are mighty; & the base things of the World & the things which are despised hath God chosen, yea, & things which are not, to bring to nought the things that are, that no flesh should glory in

His presence.”—1Cor.1:18-29.

(Fam:) “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Cast down imaginations & every high thing that exalteth itself against Me. Bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

(Fam:) “Why halt ye between two opinions? If Baal be god, then serve him; but if the Lord be God, then serve Him! I hate vain thoughts, but Thy Law do I love. Be wise now therefore, O ye parents, serve the Lord with fear & with trembling. Kiss the Son lest He be angry & ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Come out from among them & be ye separate! For all that is in the World, the lust of the flesh & the lust of the eyes & the pride of life, is of the Devil. Ye, My people, shall not be so, & ye shall not feed your children with lying vanities & with murders & with violence. Ye shall feed them of the pure Word of God.

“Be strong therefore in the Lord & the power of His might! Resist the Devil & he shall flee from you. Draw nigh to God in this & choose good rather than evil. For I have set before you this day both good & evil & the way in which ye shall go. I have set a clear path before you, therefore choose the good & choose the Lord & serve Him with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul & with all your strength. Look neither to the left, nor to the right. Cast away these things that are not of Me. They are false, they are vanities, they are evil imaginations. These things are not of God. Cleanse your hands therefore, ye sinners, & purify your hearts, ye double-minded, & forsake these things that are not of Me!”

(Fam:) “Do not entangle yourselves in the affairs of this World. For whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are loving, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are of good report, you should think on these things.—Not on the evil things of the World. For the World passeth away & the lust thereof, the lust of the eyes & the lust of the World, it shall pass away, but the Love of the Father shall stay with you. My Word ye shall hide in your hearts that ye might not sin against Me.

Unto you have been given exceeding great & precious promises that ye might be partakers of My divine nature.”

(Fam:) “Not that ye should be taken out of the World, but that ye shall keep them from the evil. All things are lawful, but not all things are expedient. For meat destroy not the Kingdom of God.”

(Fam:) “Let that seep into your hearts which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Be not conformed to this World, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. Keep your hearts with all diligence.”

(Fam:) “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

(Fam:) “Let My Words dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching & admonishing one another with songs & hymns & spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto the Lord. For that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. Therefore cleanse yourselves, sanctify yourselves from these things of the World. Sanctify them through Thy Truth, Thy Word is Truth.”

(Fam:) I got a little vision as we all lifted up our hands in praise. It was a picture similar to the cover of the “Break Out” Tape, where there are chains on the hands but the beam of light from Heaven blasts them off. It was like when everyone lifted up their hands, the balls & chains just broke. As we were lifting up our hands I got the little song that says, “Keep your eyes on Jesus, do not watch the waves.”

(Fam:) I got a vision of David in the Old Testament & how he kept obedient & close to the Lord, but then Solomon, his son, didn't. Although he was so wise & rich, he got polluted by having so many strange wives, which was like outside influence, & he couldn't control it. He started building idols & all of the pollutions & things that his father, David, had not allowed in his kingdom—they started

coming through. Perhaps we are allowing too much of this outside influence through the movies we are watching & we've made movie watching an idol & that is weakening our kingdom.

(Fam:) I saw a vision of the Heavenly City which was very beautiful & shining & bright & out of this world. I was standing on the outskirts of it & an Angel came & put his arm around me & pointed toward the Heavenly City. Then he kind of turned me around & it was as if there was darkness behind us which represented this whole situation with the movies. It was like he was saying, “Would you trade that (the darkness, the movie watching) for this (the Heavenly City)?” It was almost amusing to the Angel that we didn't have any idea of the beauty that is in store for us if we'll just put the Lord first & be willing to let go of this darkness & these things that are holding us back. The things that He has to offer are so much greater.

(Fam:) I had a vision that I believe goes along with the verse that several people got about “Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. If Baal be God then serve him, if the Lord be God then serve Him. As for me & my house, we will serve the Lord.” I had a vision of two pools, on the lefthand side there was a beautiful pool of deep cool water. I had the sensation of swimming through it with the coolness going through my hair & over my face. It was like the water in the “Strange Truths” Letter, with all these new creatures & interesting discoveries in this pool, which is representative of the Word.

On the right side there was a pool that looked like a cesspool. It was full of these horrible poisonous substances, all kinds of dung & vomit & filth. The two pools were showing the contrast between Godly activities, like reading the Word & having Family fellowship, swimming in the refreshing spiritual things of the Lord, or choosing worldly entertainment.

Right after that there was a similar vision that portrayed the same idea of the choice. On the left side there was a beautiful plate of nutritious food, a green vegetable & meat & some potatoes, a delicious, healthy-looking

dinner on a beautiful china plate. On the right there was a plate that was filled with spoiled putrid rotten food with flies & maggots all over it. Again it was symbolic of the choice, like the decision of what are we going to eat.

I was reminded of the Letter, “You Are What You Read,” but got it like, “You Are What You Watch!” I was also reminded of the lessons we learned in the Tony Series about the true excitement of the Spirit, the excitement of prayer & prophecy & fellowship & inspiration. I also got the verse, “Can a man take fire in his bosom & not be burned?” (Pro.6:27) Like, can we take in this propaganda from the System without it affecting us?

(Fam:) I had a picture from the story of Jacob in Genesis 30:32-41, where he put sticks with stripes on them in the place where the cattle drank their water. Apparently this was the place where the cattle also mated, & as the cattle looked at these sticks with stripes on them & mated, it caused them to conceive calves with stripes & spots. The idea was that the power of the impression of what you see has tremendous influence over you. Even if we are watching movies that we think won't affect us, they can have an effect upon us, without us even realising it.

(Fam:) I saw a picture of a young knight in chain link armour. His helmet was pretty big, like Salvation, & it stood out. There was a prophecy about “Leave no chinks in your armour.” Once the chinks in this case were closed up & the little loops of the chain link were all fixed, the parts where the chinks were became really strong. And once the chinks were all closed up, both the sword & the shield really grew until they were almost bigger than the soldier himself. It was like the Word & faith being a protection against anything the knight came in contact with.

(Peter:) When the prophecy was given that said, “Cast not aside your armour,” I saw a picture of a knight who was sitting in front of a TV without his armour on. He had taken it off & laid it on a chair next to him. As he was watching the TV, there were darts of red light, coming out of the TV penetrating into his

heart. I knew these darts of light were not good. If he would have had his armour on the darts would have been deflected, but because he was relaxing, he had let down his guard, & this allowed these fiery darts to enter his heart. This seemed to indicate that when we watch videos, we don't keep our guard up, we more or less just relax & drink in whatever is on the screen, & by doing so, we are being affected in our hearts or spirits.

(Fam:) I got a little picture from the Good Thots story of the little girl who threw down her doll & reached up to receive the beautiful golden dove. The interpretation was that the Lord will certainly give us much more spiritually as we forsake this little carnal toy.

(Fam:) I got the Scriptures, John 17:14-17, where Jesus was praying for His Disciples: "I have given them Thy Word & the World hath hated them, because they are not of the World, even as I am not of the World. I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the World, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the World, even as I am not of the World. Sanctify them through Thy Truth, Thy Word is Truth."

(Fam:) I got the verses: "Wherefore come out from among them & be ye separate & touch not the unclean thing." And "Ye are in the World, but ye are not of the World." (2Cor.6:17; Jn.17:11; 15:19)

(Fam:) I got the verse, "The thought of foolishness is sin." (Prov.24:9a) And also 1Cor.6:19,20: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

(Fam:) I got, "Judgement must begin at the house of God." (1Pet.4:17) I felt it was in relation to ourselves as Shepherds, that we need to lead the way in this DTR, forsaking all & upping the standard that we've been talking about. In a lot of our discussions we've been talking about how there is a lot of

selfishness in the Homes & murmuring & so forth, but this evening it seemed that the Lord was really pointing the finger at us, as Shepherds, & saying, "Oh, ye Shepherds of Israel, judgement is beginning with you," & that we need to clean up our own house & pull the beam out of our own eyes, while at the same time helping the Family to cast the motes out of their eyes.

(Fam:) I received the story in Matthew 13:24-25 (reads): "The Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came & sowed tares among the wheat & went his way." I was getting that that's how the Enemy has sort of gotten in, not while we were sleeping, but perhaps while we were relaxing. When we're watching movies we're not thinking of the spiritual war we're in, & the Enemy has been able to get in & sow these tares in our lives & in the lives of our Teens & JETTs. We haven't been on guard like we should have been & we've been unaware of the damaging effect that it was having.

(Peter:) I got Eze.34:19, "As for My flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; & they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet." I had the impression that we've somewhat trodden & dirtied the clean waters & the good food, the purity of all the Word of God, by absorbing so much of this System propaganda, & that the Lord is not pleased with it.

I also got the verse, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, & be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Gal.5:1) We've been freed from the System, but we're being entangled again with the yoke of bondage by drinking in these System attitudes that we pick up from these movies. Also I got something like, "Behold, this hath defiled nations," that the Devil's propaganda from TV & movies has greatly damaged & defiled the Christian youth & Christianity & even whole nations because it is so ungodly, anti-Christ.

(Fam:) The verse I got was, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." (1Cor.5:6)

(Fam:) I got a number of verses from Revelation 2 & 3 about overcoming. It was like if we would overcome these influences in our lives the Lord would greatly bless us. (Reads:) "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. And he that overcometh, and

keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before his Angels. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the City of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son." (Rev.2:7,11,17, 26; 3:5,12,21; 21:7.)

Interpretation of Summit Prophecies about System Movies

The following is a short summary of the main points covered in these prophecies. This summary was compiled by several of the leaders at the Summit '92 Meetings.

The Lord likened our Family NWO of watching the wrong kind of videos to Adam & Eve in the Garden & their lust for knowledge, which brought about their own destruction. He pointed out that worldly wisdom is foolishness to Him & that we should not be fascinated by that which appears to be, but is not.—That our traditions, like regular movie-watching, are making the Word of none effect to our little ones & that if we don't change, our sins in this area will be visited upon our next generation.

The Lord warned us to be aware of any chinks in our armour & likened these habits to chains the Enemy was putting on us. He said we should hunger for that which strengthens our convictions, edifies our spirits & enlightens our minds, & whatever is true, lovely & of good report.—That we need a cleansing, a purifying, a purging, & that we shouldn't be entangled with this World.

The Lord called them imaginations which needed to be cast down, vain thoughts, lying vanities & a carnal toy. He indicated that anything which is highly esteemed in the eyes of Man is abomination to God. He said the wrong kind of videos are like the Enemy's propaganda & fiery darts, & that we are unaware of the dangers.—That we should reprove them, & as Shepherds we should take a stand & resist the influence of the Enemy & be willing to sacrifice for the flock's sake & to lead the way.

The Lord said giving up watching these worldly movies is a small price to pay in return for what He wants to give us if we do so. He brought out that the Word is refreshing & pure & clean & that many worldly movies are poison & garbage. Six times the Lord asked us to make a choice between God or Baal, the Word or the World, etc. He said this would not go out but by prayer & fasting!

The Lord said to separate ourselves & come out from the World & touch not the unclean thing, to sanctify ourselves with the Word & to cleanse ourselves.

Some key action words from the prophecies that the Lord gave are: To

cleanse ourselves, put away these idols, Shepherds take a stand to get rid of them, rid the camp, resist, sacrifice for the flock's sake, forsake these things, reprove them, touch not, cast away false & evil imagina-

tions, forsake these things not of Him, let go of the darkness, as well as the six times He asked us to make a choice & forsake these carnal toys, & that if we do so He will reward us abundantly.

Raising the Standard, Time Is Short!

As we said earlier, not all movies are bad—some do have good, Godly messages, & are uplifting, encouraging & in accordance with the guidelines set down in the Word. Some movies are simply good relaxing entertainment; & other movies contain valuable lessons, or expose the System, or “preach” a message that is of value to us, to help us see the direction the World is moving or to better understand the battles or difficulties System people face in order to more effectively witness to them, etc. Had we limited our movie viewing to only those types of movies, it's unlikely that the Lord would have had to speak to us about our inordinate video viewing. Unfortunately, many of us have developed a strong desire, almost an addiction, for video watching, as well as a habit of watching movies that are not worthwhile or spiritually healthy.

Many of us have gotten into the habit of watching movies on our regular movie night or nights, regardless of whether there is a good movie available or not. Many of us have had the attitude that we just have to watch a video, & even a bad movie is better than no movie at all. Some Homes still watch movies that they've rented at the video shop without previewing them beforehand, & as many can probably testify, such unpreviewed movies often “bomb out” & end up being a terrible drain or a complete waste of time, so that you walk away feeling like you could kick yourself for having watched such a horrible movie. On the other hand, some Homes do preview their movies, but because they're so “desperate” to find a movie, the people who preview the movies are often too lenient or tolerant. So even the previewed movies just barely squeak by the Home's “board of cen-

sors,” so that lousy movies—even though previewed—still get shown to the whole Home, which again turns out to be a terrible drain & a waste of time. Watching such movies can't help but take a toll on our spiritual lives after a while, not to mention the fact that these movies “steal” our time—time that we could be spending in much more edifying & fruitful ways.

But perhaps the worst part of our bad movie-watching habit is that we, through our sample, have passed on this same inordinate desire to watch movies to our JETTs & Teens. Our putting such an importance on “video night” & making it virtually an undeniable right, except in cases where one has failed in his duties & needs to be punished, has sent the wrong message to our JETTs & Teens.

Not only have our Teens also developed an excessive desire to watch System movies, but we have heard of many situations where our young people have been adversely affected by the System movies they watch. We have heard of example after example where movies have caused our Teens to be tempted to try out the System. What they see in movies has caused them to become more worldly or to desire possessions, relationships, “freedom,” etc. Some movies have given our Teens a distorted “rosy” idea about what the System's like. And finally, sometimes the movies Teens & JETTs are seeing are not sufficiently explained & pow-wowed—so that even the best movies leave them with wrong ideas & don't bear good fruit.

So it's sad to see that we have made the watching of videos a tradition, & that, coupled with our poor selection of what to watch, is having a detrimental effect on us & our JETTs & Teens.

Another important point to bear in mind is that beginning with the implementation of the DTR & continuing with the many more changes the Lord is now bringing about as a result of the Summit '92 Meetings, it's clear that the Lord is tightening up the Family in many areas. He's making us a Gideon's band & requiring more of us in the way of dedication, yieldedness & full discipleship. Time is short & with World conditions worsening & the Endtime fast approaching, the Lord is leading us to raise our standard in practically every aspect of our lives. It seems that some

of the liberties or freedoms that He once allowed, or little deviances from the “straight & narrow” that He previously “winked at” must now be brought under stricter check as He purges our ranks of weaknesses, disobediences, time-wasters etc. It has become apparent that the Lord is raising our spiritual standard in many ways, & He is ridding our fellowship of any inroads of the Enemy that weaken us, or any little compromises that are not the best way we could spend our time or the best “spiritual food” for our souls.

How System Movies Go against Our Family Principles

After hearing the prophecies that the Lord gave about our movie-watching, some of the leaders at the Summit Meeting met in a subcommittee to discuss & analyse the influences of System movies in our lives. They came to the conclusion that behind most movies, other than the few that are produced by true sincere Christians, there is a Systemite who is wholeheartedly promoting his own message or the Enemy's propaganda. (See WND 356, “Why Hollywood Hates Religion.”) More often than not, these messages are contrary to the principles of our Family. Apart from the messages in movies that are obvious & outright contradictions to our lifestyle & beliefs, there are also many subtle messages that can erode our faith & conviction.

All kinds of doo-dads & fashions & materialism are promoted in movies, not to mention the predominance—especially in modern movies—of swearing, violence, violent thoughts & pictures, martial arts, cliques, System music, inordinate relationships, jealousy, comparing, hatred, suicide, unrealistic values, lies, the wrong ideals, terrible behaviour & attitudes, Teens pitted against their parents & adults, perverted sex, destruction, rebellion etc.—virtually everything the Enemy wants to promote in

his lying, deceiving propaganda!

Several times in the prophecies, the Lord spoke of “lying vanities,” & there are so many things portrayed in System movies that are unrealistic, like crazy car crashes that land the car's occupants in haylofts, falling or jumping through windows & not hurting yourself, people being shot at numerous times & not being hit, etc. Movies tantalise you to do the dangerous & the “heroic,” & to break the rules. This is the exact opposite of the Family counsel & the Word, as we're taught to obey the rules that God's given us, to counsel with others, & to not be independent & proud, so that the Lord can bless & keep us.

And the amazing thing is that all of this negative message is cloaked in a candy-coating of glitter, glamour & a false sense of happiness, wealth, & well-being. Movies promote daydreaming, because even if we don't think we're directly influenced by movies, we can probably all admit that there have been times when the music or the audio-visual of some movie ran through our head after having “fed on it” for two hours some previous evening. Many of us have experienced having a scene from a movie review in our mind while trying to pray, read the Word, etc. It's definitely distracting & not the right input.

Impromptu Pow-wow Topic

Before continuing to read the rest of this FSM, how would you like to stop right here to have a little impromptu Pow-wow to discuss System movies? Doesn't that sound fun?! Okay, what you do is this: Think back on some of the movies you've watched & then list all the ways those movies portrayed ideas, actions or principles that are contrary to our Family beliefs or practices. This topic is covered in detail in the following paragraphs, but it would be more challenging & thought-provoking for you to see how many different points you can come up with yourselves before continuing on to read what Mama & one of our WS Units had to say on the subject. Dear Shepherds, Teens & JETTs, please don't miss this opportunity to pow-wow this interesting subject! It'll probably amaze you to see all the ideas the Lord gives you! PTL! Okay, have a happy Pow-wow!

After the conclusion of the Summit '92 Meetings, one of the WS Units had a similar Pow-wow on the subject of System movies. Mama sent them the following instructions & counsel: "To go along with the points that were brought out in the 'TV Home Educator' (coming soon) of both saved & non-saved people's objections to certain aspects of television, such as excessive violence & filthy language, I would like to also make a list of any things that are not included in the TV Home Educator—things that would contradict & be in opposition to our Family values—such as the extreme emphasis on the little private family, the marriage vows & the absolute necessity of 'staying true to one person' throughout your whole life. Of course, the irony here is that most of the people in the World don't do that at all, & that is constantly shown on TV, but the few who manage to do it are almost looked upon as 'saints' or 'holy,' they've 'achieved' the ideal & merit heavenly favour, while everyone else is sinful.

"And, of course, related to that is the whole attitude that constantly is presented, that it is terribly sinful & wrong to share your love with others, but that you must confine it to only one person. Like, for example, the

young man vows to die for the honour of his girlfriend if another man should ever dare to touch her! Also, that jealousy is right & good in many if not most circumstances, & that the insane behaviour which results from jealousy is justified in many cases. There are all kinds of attitudes & ideas that are presented in System movies that are opposite to what we believe & practice.

"Also we can add to the list sarcasm, belittling & lying. These points may already have been brought out in the 'TV Home Educator' as things System Christians are concerned about, but one thing that probably was almost certainly not included in the 'TV Home Educator' was the attitude of the System for the ACs & against the cults. That is brought up frequently in System movies nowadays. Those two things alone must have quite a detrimental effect & negative influence on our Family kids.

"So please pow-wow this & see how many other things that are related to our Family beliefs that you can come up with that were not brought out in the 'TV Home Educator.'"

Listed below are the results of the WS Unit's Pow-wow—more of the many many ways that the messages & images in System movies & television are not consistent with what we believe, live for & teach our young people.

What Many System Movies Preach:

- Being disrespectful to elders & others
- Being alone, going off by yourself, privacy
- Doing your own thing—independence is encouraged from a very young age, to just take off & do what you want.
- Abundance of personal possessions—your own bedroom, your own TV, your own car, etc. Kids' bedrooms have signs saying, "Private property", "Keep out"—a non-Acts 2:44,45 attitude.
- Bad personal manners—messy rooms, rude table manners
- Eating junk food, eating on the run, bad dietary habits
- Over-emphasis on fashion: Hair, clothes,

anything that is "in," promotes vanity & coolness

- Acting "macho" (cool, tough) & bulging muscles
- The worldly, sophisticated, ultra-thin body image for women, looking like a model
- Sun worshipping
- Feminism, women's lib
- Homosexuals are "fashionable" & even exalted. The System is pushing & promoting being Sodomites & lesbians as an alternative lifestyle. Their idea is if you don't agree with homosexuality, there's something wrong with you; & if you don't fight for "Gay Rights" & the AIDS cause, you are really out of it.
- Abortion is promoted.
- Worshipping cars, driving fast, racing
- Materialism
- Vandalism, disrespect for property, being destructive
- Vices: Drinking, drugs, smoking, gambling
- Medicine—Worship of doctors & the medical system. No prayer or faith for healing
- Not confiding in your parents or adults, no communication. Distrust of adults & often portraying adults as generally bungling & inept (that the kid is smarter than the parents). Kids stick together & don't confide in their parents.
- Hypocrisy, saying one thing but meaning or thinking another
- Making money & "making it" in the System
- Delusion that you don't have to work very hard, just have a good time—you go to university & somehow the money is just going to come flowing in
- You can succeed & be happy in the System. They promote that happiness in the System exists, but it doesn't exist.
- The idea that the System ruling powers really have it together, so you'd better respect them or they're going to get you. It destroys faith that God really is greater than they are. They create that illusion that the System will last forever.
- Swearing & taking God's & Jesus' names

in vain

- Necessity of higher education to succeed
- The way people handle finances—it's okay to have a mortgage, be in debt, have credit cards, spend above what you are able to afford—in order to have "the good life" & material things & possessions.
- Attitude towards investing in stocks & bonds, which promotes gambling
- Wastefulness, throwing things out instead of fixing them
- Competition, dog-eat-dog, do anything to get ahead & the "me first" attitude, you've got to watch out for yourself first
- Business corruption is encouraged. You can rip people off, lie, steal, cheat, hurt people, & do anything in the name of business & it's all okay.
- Portrayal of System school as a fun place, a place to be with your friends & just have a good time—very unrealistic!
- Selfishness
- Having your own spending money & buying whatever you want
- Going to parties—that System people have a lot of fun, lots of friends, it looks very attractive
- Dating is promoted & going out with the "gang".
- Having your own car & going out when you want. You can drive fast & not have an accident; or if you do have an accident, usually nobody gets hurt.
- The wonders of romance & System relationships where "boy meets girl" or vice versa, & the rest of their lives work out wonderfully
- Pride
- Patriotism & nationalism, praising America & the U.S. System
- Allegiance to the flag, country, government, promoting democracy as being a god
- Non Acts 2:44&45, goes along with selfishness & the "me-first" attitude
- Racial & sexual discrimination
- Looking on the outward appearance
- Interpretation of historical events differently than how they really were

- Churches & churchianity are good, but true believers are out of it, dummies & oddballs
- Evolution in all of its forms is promoted.
- Arguing & bickering—especially in marriages or between parents & children. You're usually left with the feeling that it's hopeless, nothing will work out.
- Saying whatever you think, not controlling your tongue, just letting anything come out of *your mouth*
- Commercials create lust for things, promote materialism
- Negativity, always running things down, murmuring, complaining
- Science & technology are gods, giving the message that you should plug into technology—*especially preparation for the Mark of the Beast*
- Pro-Blacks, & return to African savagery
- Revenge & vindictiveness, getting even
- Fighting amongst siblings is accepted, they put each other down & call each other names. Looking at little brother/sister as a little "nerd" etc.
- Disobedient kids hardly ever get corrected
- Backtalking & being smart alecky is acceptable behaviour.
- You have to be good-looking to be anything. If you see anyone who's not, they're usually the bad guy or the poor & downtrodden.
- Most women in movies work at System jobs. They hardly ever stay home & take care of the children, or you rarely see any women with babies or nursing.
- Teen or young marriages are not promoted.
- Pro-soldier, pro-war attitude
- Unrealistic or unloving sex scenes
- Lack of forgiveness
- Inability of people to "start again," have a change in their lives or get the victory
- You rarely see handicapped people, unless it's specifically about handicaps.
- Competition & worshipping sports & athletes
- The idea that it's okay to let your emotions & feelings run wild or control you.
- It is okay to show anger. Blowing up at others when you're mad is okay. Just let your anger be vented. It's good to throw temper tantrums, that's "expressing yourself."
- It's good to put others down & to fight for your superiority in a crowd.
- A fatalistic view on life, the "it can't be done or changed" attitude
- Pro-ACs, emphasis on & exaggeration of the Holocaust
- Attitude towards death & tempting the Lord, teaching kids that pushing your life to the limit is a good thing to do—"You're invincible! You're strong & on top of the world. Push yourself, you can do anything."
- Idol worship, it's okay to worship certain people like Michael Jackson, Man worshiping is okay.
- Most drama is self-centered, lives are played out from a self-centered point of view, "What's going to happen to me, what's in it for me?"
- There are no absolutes, no definite values, everything is okay.
- It's okay to use violence to bring about peace.
- Extreme dedication & loyalty to flesh relatives
- Being proud of your individual talents, rather than giving God the glory
- Parents don't discipline their children, & the few times when they do spank it's usually portrayed in an out-of-the-spirit way, making it look bad, or it's called child abuse.
- Foolishness
- Black humour—taking something sad, horrible or morbid & treating it in a "funny" manner
- Daydreaming is promoted, calling it "imagination."
- Cutting & unkind remarks fly freely, giving the idea it's a cool thing to do.
- Rich people are wonderful & to be envied & poor people are losers to be rejected
- You're odd if you're good, kind, caring & outgoing. But we don't think it's "odd," with Jesus' Love it's natural.
- Girl talk & gossip, portraying the "shallow girl" image

- Discriminating against old people
- When pressured, System people "check out" or get hostile or drink or take drugs etc.
- Worldly attitude toward Christmas & birthdays & gift-giving
- Lots of fear is portrayed, whereas we learn from the Word to fear not.
- Adventure & running away is promoted, such as the movie, "The Journey of Natty Gann."
- Attitude towards death & the afterlife or Heaven differs from ours
- Peer pressure
- The only proper & successful way to do things is the System way, with parents' approval, & society's approval, preserving the status quo.
- Movies promote saving the ecology & wildlife to the disadvantage of Man & his livelihood & the availability of needed jobs etc. For example, the popular "Save the Alligators" doctrine at the expense of people's well-being, as well as at the cost of millions of Dollars
- Pets worshipped above human relationships.
- It's okay to subject your children to experience anything & everything, you don't need to shield or protect children from anything.
- It's okay to let your children make their own decisions about what they want to do, about God & their religious beliefs when they get older instead of "training up a child in the way he should go."
- Belief in "luck"
- Wasting time
- Sneakiness—sneaking out at night, or being deceptive
- Laughing when something bad happens to somebody, laughing at people in difficulty
- Not many people shown doing menial jobs, life is portrayed unrealistically, few ever really seem to work hard
- Anti-authority, anti-teamwork, operating on your own
- Hard rock music & worshipping music
- Attacks cults & sects
- Dissatisfaction with the little things & little jobs
- Man is god, you can solve your own problems
- Satanism, occult, witchcraft
- Everything is cool, everything is fine, all things continue as they were, you don't need to worry about anything. Pushing the lie that we've got all the time in the World, this isn't the Endtime.
- Work & jobs seem more like play or fun, life is so easy
- Attitude that police are enemies, instead of "powers that are ordained of God" (Rom.13:1)
- They usually portray childbirth as agony & very painful with screaming women.
- Any kind of strange belief or religion is tolerated & respected.
- Subliminal portrayal of the occult through symbols, words or actions
- Atheism & outright denial of the existence of God is accepted.
- Life has no real depth or meaning, serious questions are never asked, or mocked when they are asked. Life is frivolous & shallow & activity-centered or relationship-centered.
- New Age terminology & attitudes
- AC propaganda against TV evangelists & active Christians, who are portrayed as "fanatics"
- TV & movie watching is okay, it's fine to let your kids watch anything & everything.

"Television (or movies in this case) reminds me of the Image of the Beast because it already portrays everything that the Beast stands for! Don't give TV too much of your time. Some of it is preaching outright devilry & insanity & fiendish Satanism!—And most of the rest is preaching the same, only more subtly! They're already worshipping the Image of the Beast, so that as Jesus said, 'If it were possible they might even deceive the very elect!'—Mat.24:24." (ML#2211-4:165,177,178)

New Movie-viewing Guidelines

Taking into consideration the standard Dad has set down in the Word concerning movies, the prophecies given at the Summit Meetings about our movie-watching, & this long list of ways that movies & television preach a message that is contrary to our Family values & lifestyle, it becomes quite evident that we need to reevaluate our movie-watching habits & make some changes in this area of our lives. While the leaders were together at the Summit '92 Meetings they took the time to pray & counsel together & establish a few new guidelines & safeguards to help us all stay on the "straight & narrow" of Godly video viewing.

Perhaps it would encourage you to know that when the topic first came up in our discussions that we might need to consider toning down & limiting our video watching, it was quite a hard saying for almost every leader attending the Summit '92 Meetings. It wasn't until after we heard from the Lord on the subject of movies that we saw how adamant the Lord seemed to be about us really setting our affections on things above & not on things of the Earth, & not allowing this inroad of the Enemy to corrupt & pollute our children, Teens & adults. We then began to see more clearly how watching the wrong kind of movies is a hole in the dike, a chink in our armour, a little bit of leaven that leavens the whole lump in a worldly way, & promotes a fascination for evil & for the System & for the things that are not of God, but are of the World.

After hearing from the Lord on this subject, we continued to pray & counsel about it for several days in subcommittees before coming to definite conclusions & formulating the following guidelines for the Family, which we pray will strengthen & challenge us all, & help us dedicate & commit our lives more fully to the Lord.

Prayer of Deliverance

To begin with, the Lord indicated in the prophecies given that "this kind cometh not out but by prayer & fasting." Thank the Lord our whole Family has had a six-week fast from watching System movies after the

Birthday Fast, & on the third day of the Birthday Fast we also had prayer against our desire to watch the wrong kinds of System movies. However, now that we have all read more about what the Lord had to say concerning this subject, it seems we could benefit from another specific cleansing prayer of repentance & deliverance for all our Teens, JETTs, & adults. After reading this FSM, we suggest you take the time to pray together & ask the Lord to cleanse you from any ill effects of past movie-watching, & also to deliver you from an inordinate desire to watch System movies.

This might also be an appropriate time for any adults who feel the need to apologise to our young people for any bad sample that they may have been in their movie-watching—or to apologise for talking too much about movies with each other or with the JETTs & Teens. We can share with our younger generation that we're all taking a stand to "give up the habit" & obey the Lord & follow more closely.

Only Watch WS-Approved Videos

The Lord, the Folks & WS are pouring out a wonderful wealth of pubs & Word to help us to become better soldiers & disciples for the Lord. But watching the wrong kinds of movies can undo a lot of the good of these marvellous pubs & spiritual feeding. Therefore it behooves us to make sure that every avenue we use to feed ourselves or our children is spiritually edifying & positive, & is not going to counteract what the Lord is trying to do in answering our prayers to become closer to Him, more dedicated & more revolutionary.

Of course, we are not saying that all movie-watching is bad. Some movies are good & edifying & enjoyable. Video night can be very relaxing, fun & a good time of fellowship. It seems that the Lord is mainly asking us to take a stand against watching the wrong kind of movies. So this brings us to the big question of which movies are acceptable to watch. Previewing unknown movies can be very time-consuming, & as we mentioned earlier, from what we understand, some Homes were showing unpreviewed movies,

probably because of a lack of time & personnel to preview. And even if Homes did preview, it's not always easy to judge whether a movie should be recommended or not, as there are often many opinions & personal preferences etc., which can be controversial.

So to avoid our Homes wasting a lot of time & energy, we suggest that we change the manner in which we as a Family go about selecting the movies we watch. Rather than having each Home or Area try to find good movies to watch, sometimes visiting video shops & watching "unknown" movies, WS will supply a list of approved movies, & we request that we all adopt a new Family policy of only watching such WS-approved movies. Sticking to only WS-approved movies will not only save a lot of time & energy, but most importantly it will help our Homes avoid watching movies that aren't up to the standard.

Because the Lord has continued to teach us & raise the standard in every area of our lives, He is now expecting more of us, & therefore even the movies that were previously recommended by WS are now being reconsidered to see if they still meet our present standards. So rather than referring to the Movie Lists that were published earlier (such as those in Heavenly Helpers #5, the BTH or the Movie Updates), please refer only to the new movie list called "New Revised WS-approved Movie List" that you should have received shortly before this FSM.

The titles that appear on the "New Revised WS-approved Movie List" are not the only movies that will be approved. Lord willing, there will be another more complete list of approved movies published in the near future, but at least for now this list should offer some selection of movies that we can watch now that the System movie fast has ended. (Also, titles of any approved movies that are "new releases" will be published by WS, Lord willing.)

In light of this new procedure, there will no longer be a need to visit video shops to check out the latest "new releases" or to rent unapproved movies to preview or watch. (You can, of course, continue to go to video shops to rent movies that are approved.)

Entertainment, History & Message Movies

When reevaluating the movies & drawing up the new list of the WS-approved movies, we kept in mind that there are generally three categories or types of movies: 1) Movies that are uplifting, inspiring entertainment, 2) Historical movies that give an account of famous people or events in history, & 3) "Message movies"—movies that have a significant message that's worthwhile to see.

As much as possible, the WS-approved movies will be judged & chosen according to the guidelines that Dad has set down, some of which are outlined on pages 3-6 of this FSM. But please bear in mind that there are no "perfect" movies. Even the very best movies often have some flaws. It's hard to find a movie that meets every single one of Dad's guidelines 100% across the board. So we kept that in mind & we tried to be reasonable & Spirit-led when judging the movies, by taking into consideration the message of the movie, the overall effect it has on the audience, any subtle negative messages it "preaches," how well it fulfills Dad's movie guidelines, etc.

We realise & want to point out to you that some movies that are approved—especially the "message movies"—will probably not meet every single aspect of Dad's guidelines. For example, a movie might offer a valuable message or it might be a tremendous exposé of the System, but at the same time it might contain violence or bad language or it might have a sad ending etc. But such "message movies" have been approved, in spite of a few bad qualities, because the message contained therein is considered significant & worthwhile, & overall the value of the message outweighs the "bad" qualities of the movie. In fact, Dad himself has seen & recommended many of these "message movies," in spite of the fact that such movies don't comply with his usual viewing preferences, because he considers the message that they contain to be profitable & worthwhile. If the value of the message supersedes the value of keeping some of these guidelines, then he chose the message, & we're doing likewise in following his lead.

You might also notice when watching an approved movie that falls under the entertain-

ment or historical category that it might not completely fulfill every single aspect of Dad's guidelines. For example, a very good & inspiring movie might have a bit of bad language or a car chase or a few sarcastic remarks or jokes etc. But if these flaws are a very tiny part of the movie & if the movie overall meets Dad's guidelines & is uplifting, happy, & inspiring, then in some cases we felt led to approve such a movie, even though it didn't fulfill Dad's guidelines absolutely 100%. Again, this is because there aren't any "perfect" movies, so we've tried to take Dad's guidelines & apply them as much as possible & make balanced, Spirit-led judgments, with the Lord's help & with a multitude of counsellors. Again, as you may recall, many of these entertainment or historical movies were also seen & approved or recommended by Dad, as has been published in previous movie lists.

We would like to clarify that Dad & Mama have not been directly involved with the past evaluations nor the present reevaluation & rerating of the movies on the movie lists. As you probably realise, Mama hasn't been personally watching movies for years, & Dad has not had a whole lot to do with the rating of movies in the past, except for the movies that he has specifically mentioned in the Letters. The ratings that you received in the "New Revised WS-approved Movie List" were established through a "multitude of counsellors," including top leaders, JETT & Teen Shepherds, teachers, & WS personnel. We pray you will find the WS-approved movies to be edifying, a blessing & up to the standard as much as possible.

Suggested Movie Audiences

The new WS-approved movie list will also give a suggested audience for each movie. You will notice that there will now be fewer movies rated "adults only." Since we're all trying to live the same DTR standard & get rid of double standards, it seems fair to say that movies that are strictly for entertainment should usually be able to be watched by adults & Teens, & preferably by JETTs as well. The reason for this is because if a movie that is mainly for entertainment would be so unedifying, unprofitable or damaging to someone's spiritual training that we don't

want our Teens to see it, then why should we adults watch it? This change will undoubtedly be a big encouragement to the Teens & help them not to feel envious or discontent or even bitter about adults getting to see so many movies that they're not allowed to see. There may be occasional exceptions to this rule when considering entertainment movies, but overall that is the standard that we will be shooting for.

Another situation in which Teens might not be able to watch the same movies that adults watch would be concerning some "message movies" that are worthwhile, but that would not be suitable for Teens due to the unusually "heavy" content. Such movies will therefore be rated "adults only." Such "adults-only" message movies usually address important relevant topics or expose the System in such a way that we adults can see them for our information or training, such as the movies, "After the Promise" & "A Cry in the Dark."

On the other hand, some message movies will be rated for Teen audiences. Such movies when pow-wowed properly can help kids see & understand the evils of the World & the reasons why it is bad & not good. And the more they understand this, through explanations & Pow-wows & the Word, the more grounded they will be. As Dad explained in the Letters, when he was young he got a lot of his education about the World through movies, & he was, you might say, "inoculated" against a desire for the World in that way. Watching "message movies" that are properly pow-wowed & explained should help our kids gain a greater appreciation for the Family, a real love for the Family & a desire to be in the Family & not in the System! They should be able to clearly see the difference between the Family & the System by having it pointed out to them during their movie watching.

While we have tried to offer a suggested audience for the movies that are approved, please understand that there is room for flexibility in the audiences of the movies. You can make exceptions to the suggested audiences. For example, there may be a movie that is rated for adults & Teens, but say your Home only has one JETT who is 13 years old & who is quite mature & who you believe

would benefit from watching that particular movie. In this case you can have that JETT watch the movie, in spite of the fact that it has a suggested audience of adults & Teens. Such flexibility should also be applied in the case where a movie is rated for a certain age—say for the JETTs—but if you feel the JETTs in your Home wouldn't benefit from the movie for some reason, therefore you should not feel obligated to show it to your JETTs simply because that is the suggested WS audience.

The reason we feel we need to allow such flexibility in the suggested audiences of the movies is because there is such a tremendous difference in the maturity of our young people that it's hard to make a blanket statement that says such-&-such a movie is definitely good for all Teens (or JETTs etc.). Likewise, we don't feel we can make a blanket statement that says such-&-such a movie cannot under any circumstances be watched by any Teens (or JETTs etc.).

We found when compiling the new list of WS-approved movies that it was much easier to make unanimous or strong majority decisions concerning whether a movie should be recommended, than it was to come to a decision on the age group that the movie should be recommended for. There was a vast difference of opinions between the different leaders, Teen & JETT Shepherds, teachers, WS personnel, etc. that voted on the movie list. We could only conclude that this wide range of opinions was due to the fact that people are different & that young people of the same age vary greatly in spiritual maturity. The message in a movie might be very uplifting for the JETTs of one Home, while in another Home the same movie might not be edifying or beneficial for the JETTs, because of some particular lessons they're learning or weaknesses they're fighting.

So while we pray that the recommended audiences of the movies will generally be fitting & appropriate for your Home, you do have the freedom to adapt the recommended audiences according to your particular situation & how you feel led in the multitude of counsellors.

Even if you adhere strictly to the suggested audiences of the recommended

movies, we again want to emphasise the need to preview all movies that are shown to young people. Don't just put on a movie for your JETTs simply because the suggested audience for that movie happens to be for JETTs, because that particular movie may not be the best for your JETTs!

Pow-wow Required on All Movies

In order to make movie-watching more meaningful, all movies for children, JETTs & Teens should be pow-wowed (preferably with a team of two when feasible), to pull the relevant lessons out of the movie. We realise that you are already well aware of the need to pow-wow movies for our young people. However, we still hear reports of kids watching movies that aren't pow-wowed. It seems that one of the main reasons that our Teens & JETTs have been adversely affected by movies is that they have not been pow-wowed properly. We understand that this might be because you don't have adults available, or maybe your adults are very tired by the time the weekend rolls around & they're just not up to pow-wowing a movie. If that is indeed the case, & you don't have anyone available to pow-wow the movie, then it would be best to postpone the movie for children, JETTs or Teens until you do have some adult(s) available & prepared to lead the Pow-wow.

If a movie is recommended for adults & Teens, that does not mean that adults & Teens necessarily have to watch the movie together in the same showing. You may want to have a separate showing for Teens, so the Teen Shepherds can pow-wow the movie more extensively. That would make the movie more enjoyable for the adults, who usually don't like to or need to have the movie stopped so frequently for discussion.

On the other hand, when adults view movies together we suggest that you allow some time after viewing for discussion, prayer, pulling out the lessons, etc. This adult Pow-wow or discussion time does not need to be long, 15 minutes or so would be sufficient in most cases.

It's really nice if movie-watching can complement the direction your Home is moving in

& go along with the spirit of what your Home is learning, if possible. And therefore while pow-wowing we need to look for lessons that fall in line with the DTR standard & apply to our lives as disciples, such as discipleship, dedication, teamworking, forgiveness, bitterness, unity etc.

Another idea that you may want to consider, is to suggest some Word that could be read about the subject or lessons of some of the movies you watch. If not too long (for example, five or ten minutes) this could possibly be shared before or after the movie, or if it's longer, it could be read unitedly later or just posted, so people could read it on their own during their personal Word time.

No Specific Limit on Number of Movies Per Week

There is no maximum on the number of movies that can be watched per week or month. However, taking into consideration that there are not that many good movies & we've probably already seen a large percentage of the good movies that are available, we may find that we either will end up watching re-runs of approved movies, or else we'll need to find alternate fun activities for Family fellowship to take the place of video night. (Please see page 28 for suggested Family activities.)

Documentaries & Educational Programs

You can feel free to watch documentaries or educational programs that are worthwhile & edifying. There are good educational documentaries already available to you through the GAP Videos & the video circuit. Also, some of our dear brethren in the U.S. & Europe are working hard to try to find & record more good documentaries to put on the video circuit, but you do not have to restrict your watching of documentaries to only those that come to you via the video circuit. You can take advantage of documentaries & educational programs that may be available to you locally. You could possibly record documentaries or educational programs off of your local television stations, if your Home Members can understand the local language or if you have someone available to give a running translation (if needed). Or you can check such

sources as the American Cultural Center or the British Consulate in your country as they often have a library of English books & videos that can be borrowed.

There are many very good documentaries on a huge variety of subjects that are beautiful, interesting & educational. Some give valuable background information on current events. There are also numerous tremendous exposé documentaries that expose the problems of the System. While such exposé documentaries are often ugly & shocking, when pow-wowed properly they are very powerful tools for teaching our Teens & JETTs, as they can really show them the truth about where the World is at, as opposed to the lying vanities of System movies. Such documentaries must be pow-wowed, but they can be very effective, interesting & thought-provoking, & can help to counteract some of the negative influences that have been brought about by System movies, which are often so much fantasy & the make-believe world of imagination.

We would like to caution you to please be very prayerful in your selection of documentaries. Because there are often many documentaries available, it's advisable to do a little research to make sure you show the best ones, those that are the most interesting, educational, timely, applicable, & generally really worth the time. We don't want to make the same mistake with documentaries that we've made with movies—by watching ones that are time-wasters or spiritually unedifying.

It is your responsibility to determine the audience for documentaries, depending on the subject matter & the maturity of your young people etc. Some documentaries are quite strong meat & would be appropriate for an audience of adults only. Therefore, it is imperative that you preview documentaries before showing them to young people. Please keep in mind that documentaries also need to be pow-wowed with young people; they should not be used as "babysitters," because even many nature documentaries have the evolutionary theme running through them which has to be constantly debunked, not to mention the heavier exposé documentaries, which need a lot of explaining.

Movie-watching Guidelines for W&R Days

To give the Lord & His Word more time & priority on our Word & Rest Days (formerly called R&R), movie-watching should no longer be such a major part of our W&R Day activities. You may watch a WS-approved movie the night you begin your W&R Time, if you have approximately a 24-hour W&R period, or if your W&R period happens to begin on the evening of your Home's regular video night. However, we suggest you avoid further movie-watching during your W&R Time, such as afternoon matinees etc. This way we will be able to dedicate more of our W&R time to rest, prayer & reading the Word.

Tone Down Our "Movie Talk"

As was mentioned earlier, it seems that by putting too much emphasis on our weekly video night we may have given our young people the idea that watching videos is some kind of great climax of thrills & entertainment. Video night is often used as a reward for good behaviour & accomplishments such as memorising, while missing video night is used as a punishment for bad behaviour. As a result of these practices in our Homes, many adults & young people now put way too much importance on watching videos, or they consider their weekly video night their "right," something which they deserve without question after a week of serving the Lord. We're almost drawn to movie-watching automatically & by habit, & we can feel discontent without it.

Revamping our selection of videos & getting our outlook back in line with the Word should help to correct these wrong attitudes. However, it would also help to strengthen our convictions & make life easier for everyone, if we would tone down our references to & discussions about movies in our daily conversations. By talking less about movies, we will naturally give them less time & priority in our lives, & avoid stirring up people's curiosity about movies they haven't seen—especially unapproved movies you saw in the past. This will also give us more opportunity to talk about the Word, witnessing testimonies,

personal lessons, etc.

This lesson can also apply to Teens & JETTs, who may also need to tone down references to movies in their conversations, in order to be a good sample to each other & to their younger brothers & sisters, & to avoid having talk about movies usurp the place of the Word & more edifying fellowship.

Erase All Unapproved Movies

We understand that there are individuals, Homes or Training Centers that have rather large "personal collections" of System movies. In order to make it easier for all of us to be good, we recommend that you do not keep copies of movies on hand that are not approved. Please erase all non-approved movies. (Note: Prior to receiving this FSM you should have received a list of approved movies called "New Revised WS-approved Movie List." However, we hope to compile a comprehensive list in the not too distant future. Therefore, we suggest you wait until you receive that list before you erase any of your unapproved movies.)

Even though it might take some time to get used to this new movie-watching standard, we believe the Lord will help us all to make the needed adjustments & changes & we'll be happier as a result. After all, many of us did without videos for years in the Family, as Mama said in "What Does It Mean to Be Truly Revolutionary?" And we didn't miss them at all!—Even though we adults had grown up as television addicts! So what He's done before, we know He can do again. PTL!

It may take a little time to get used to these new movie guidelines, & initially it will be a sacrifice, but we have much more to gain than what we're giving up!—We'll have more positive input, our times of relaxation will be more uplifting, we won't be feeding on unedifying System propaganda, we'll have more time for fellowship & the Word, & we'll be better samples to each other & to our young people. As we put these new changes into practice it will result in greater dedication to the Lord, the Word, the Work & the standard, which will bring us more fulfillment, satisfaction & happiness! PTL!

Reactions to the Discussion & Prophecies about System Movies

■ Kicking the Movie Habit!

From Andrew (formerly named Levit or Ben)

I am a video addict, to put it bluntly. In fact, after getting to know the RTPs that we brought to the Training Center just previous to the Summit Meetings, we really saw how there are quite a few video addicts within our Homes. Watching movies is something that so easily grows on you or hooks you into taking up a lot of time, at the expense of the Word & prayer.

Over the past few months I've felt myself getting drained & in need of more infilling, especially during the months before the Summit Meetings when things were so busy with the RTP sessions & some of our leadership team were out travelling so that there was an added workload of the office, phone messages, correspondence, etc. During that time the Lord was focusing on my relationship with Him, my channel & communication with Him, & showing me how much closer I could be to the Lord than I had been.

I've really been feeling that within my being, within my heart, there was a hunger for more. Probably because of all the pouring out I was doing, it was like I was running on empty, only getting sufficient Word to cover the need & not really having a well stocked larder to draw on. I think the movies that I was watching, especially during that time, were not what I needed, & actually were taking away from what my spirit really needed. You are what you watch, very much so.

The sad part about it, & something I was very convicted about during our meeting about video viewing, is that there were quite a number of nights when we would put a movie on in our office Home to relax, but more often than not, the movies we watched were not really edifying at all. We had to really search out any good in them, & had to take a lot of time to eschew the evil just to glean any of the few lessons that

they may have contained.

I think that just because we had so much movie-viewing on the schedule in our Home—a double-header on Saturday night & single movie on Wednesday night—that watching movies was becoming habitual, whether we had a good movie to watch or not. And that's the worst part of it, because then we too easily settled for movies that weren't that good. Probably just having one Saturday night movie each week would be more than enough. And now I'm seeing that we don't necessarily always need to watch our scheduled video, especially if there's not a good video to watch, since video watching can be so much of a habit & so addicting.

I'd gotten too much into the habit of watching movies to try to fill what I thought was a need for relaxation or to "get away from the pressures of the job" or take a little time off. Relaxing is fine, & it's not that there isn't a place for good videos. There are movies that are relaxing & enjoyable, & ones that are fun & entertaining to watch. But the point is, in my case, the video viewing was going too far, when I should have been taking the night off just for Word & relaxation, rather than movie & relaxation, in order to feed my spirit. Although I desired to get closer to the Lord, at the same time I hadn't been feeding my spirit sufficiently & in the right way to cultivate that relationship with Him & to really strengthen my spiritual life & walk with the Lord.

Now I'm seeing that one of the reasons I felt so drained was not only because of all the pouring out I was doing, but because I hadn't been spending enough time in the Word. I was getting my daily one hour of Word, plus a little bit more, nevertheless my prayer time & that close time with Jesus was lacking, as other things were taking too much place & too much of my time. This lesson can apply to computers as well, which I also have an inclination towards. I seem to understand computers more easily

than other people. Maybe it's being a Capricorn, I don't know, but the point is that these things—videos, computers, etc.—can fill your time so easily.

These Summit Meetings have been so feeding & filling—the Word, the prayer, the sample—& I'm so very thankful for it. I think it's going to be a lesson that's going to stick with me much more than it has before, mainly because I feel & see the need for it in my life more vividly than I have before. Even as I'm speaking now & taping this reaction, it's really hurting to think of all these other things I put so easily before the Lord & gave in so easily to letting the habits develop. I know I do need relaxation & I do need time off, but LHM, I really see how I need to keep that in the right perspective.

This is a big lesson for me. It seems so basic, & in some ways I feel ashamed to even have to say it, because it is such a basic lesson, but I know it's an important one, especially being a Shepherd & being so responsible for so much & so many. I need that connection with the Lord, & I need that time of prayer with the Lord & really listening to what He says & then applying what He says to the situation that I've asked Him about. This has been a big beautiful lesson for me & I'm very very thankful for it. I really pray the Lord cements it into my heart, so that I can be more the Shepherd that I ought to be & need to be for Him.

■ Bottle-breaking News! —For Our Good!

From Rose (secretary)

The Lord has shown in the meetings here about how we've gotten so tripped off with System movies & it's a real inroad of the Enemy. That, I think, is going to be a very very big change in the Family. I don't hesitate to say that I think this message about movies & the new movie guidelines are going to break a lot of bottles, but only for our own good, & it's definitely going to bear good fruit. It's 100% true that we have gotten tripped off watching movies that are not worth the time invested in them, & not only not worth the time, but even quite detrimental in many

ways.

I know I'm very guilty of watching movies just for the sake of "killing time."—Maybe even watching a mediocre #2 movie that I've already seen once or even twice before, just because that movie happens to be what's shown. Even if I've seen it before, I watch it again because I don't feel like doing anything else. It's a very lazy attitude, & I know I really need to resist that & look to the Lord to show me how to use the time I have more wisely. I know there are other forms of relaxation, & it's not that I had to watch those movies over & over again, but I did.

I think this movie message is going to really change a lot of people's lives. It certainly goes hand-in-hand with the need to have more affection in our Homes, because we waste so much time watching movies that aren't worth watching, while at the same time we don't give each other the love that we desperately need, because we feel we don't have time. We don't have time to sit & fellowship with somebody individually or even as a group. We're too busy. But now all that time that we used to waste on movies we can put into something that's so much more lasting & beautiful & edifying & worthwhile & godly.

It's so beautiful how all the changes that will come about as a result of these Summit Meetings are like pieces of a puzzle, which individually might seem impossible to put into effect. At first we might be tempted to think, "How are you going to take all these movies away from people?—They're not going to know what to do with themselves!" But when you think about it, it's the answer to our needs in many areas where we need more time. Like for example, this may be the answer to the question of how do we spend more time with individuals, how do we find time to give the companionship, affection & the love that people need? Well, watching less movies & people's need for more time & fellowship are a perfect match! For example, we haven't watched any movies during these Summit Meetings, but we've instead had sweet times of fellowship with each other & it's been so beautiful!

The Lord certainly knows what He's doing. The things that have been coming

out in these meetings have truly been life-changing. PTL!

■ The Bad Fruits of Unwise Movie-watching!

From Katrina

The subject of movies is very convicting! As with all these other areas the Lord is zooming in on at this time, the changes in our movie watching is another revolution. I've seen the bad fruits of too much movie watching in my life.—I believe that's one of the reasons I've had temptations with materialism. Also the Teens pick up on the same real quick, & it soon starts sneaking into the Homes & you find the Teens wanting to look or dress like certain teen movie stars.

Because I dream a lot, I have to be careful what I watch because it affects me. When praying about it one time, I thought about how we aren't meant to experience many of the things we experience when watching a movie—like the violence & gory murders etc. If we think about how our lives would be without movies, probably very few of us, if any, would have ever seen or experienced some of the things we watch in movies. So I tend to think it's a real inroad for inviting fears & worries we probably wouldn't have as big a battle with if we hadn't experienced fear & worry through movies. I've gotten a migraine headache through watching a movie that has a lot of tension in it. It's much like what Dad said about amusement parks—some of those rides have given people heart attacks.

During the prophecy session, I received the verse, "A just balance is His delight." I hesitated to share it because I got hit with wondering if it was just me looking for a loophole, since nobody else was giving any verses along those lines. But I proceeded to give it anyway, & then the Lord gave me another verse to follow it, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." So I thought that it's not so much that we can't have entertainment, especially in view of all the positive things that Dad has said on good movies, but we do need to have the right balance & be a lot more selective.

■ Finding the Balance!

From Peace (secretary)

Something that really impressed me from the Summit '92 Meetings, which I hope I can apply in my own personal outlook on things, is the point Peter brought up a couple of times about having a balance, & taking into account how other people look at things & what the Word says on the subject. An example of this was in the discussion about System movies. One side was presented that was pretty much against them, but Peter brought up that there is a balance, because Dad has written a lot about how there are some good movies.

It seems like what happened in the Family was we didn't keep the right balance in watching movies & choosing the good & eschewing the evil, so we ended up watching a lot of bad movies. But as Dad has said, just because the Devil uses something doesn't mean that we can't use it, we just need to use the good ones.

The need to find the balance also came up when they were talking about affection & trying to draw up guidelines for how to encourage more affection in the Homes. Some people were on the very liberal side of wanting to be real affectionate, but then there was the other side brought up about how the temptation is too great for some people—so you have to take both sides into account & try to get a balance between the two. Again, it was a good lesson about looking at things from more than just one angle & seeing all sides of a situation. I guess it means really getting the mind of the Lord about things & not being so opinionated.

In the Family we're such extremists that it's easy to go completely one way or the other. We usually see things as either black or white, but there are always grey areas, so we need to find a balance. Of course, the ultimate thing to judge everything by is the standard of the Word. And if we go back & look at what the Word says about things, we'll probably find that both sides of most subjects are usually presented in the Word, the pros & cons; & then we can apply the counsel in the Word to individual situations, & hopefully that way we'll stay more on the right track,

following the "little dog line," rather than getting tripped off or leaning to our own understanding.

■ An Exciting Prospect!

From Isaac Numbers

This movie message is going to be a big surprise for the Family! I think it was such a big surprise to all of us here at the meetings, as it was not something we were really expecting to discuss. I also don't think we would have so easily "surrendered" our former opinions or habits concerning movie-watching without the Lord making His point so clearly. So many modern movies really are full of the Enemy's voice & propaganda & subtle influences, & when our movie-watching tradition was examined carefully & prayerfully, it's a wonder that we've let it go on for so long & subjected ourselves to it. I know we all look forward to unwinding at the end of a busy week, but I guess watching movies indiscriminately comes with a hidden price—an erosion of our spirits & an inroad for attacks on our little ones.

Watching the wrong kinds of movies for relaxation can be compared with how a tired runner grabs a quick candy bar for a boost of energy, or a Systemite grabs his eighth cup of coffee for a boost at the end of the day. They get a temporary boost, but it robs the body of so much more in the long run. It builds up a dependency on that which does not really satisfy, & almost causes a revulsion in the body to that which is good, by building up perverted tastes & eating habits. I personally feel that kicking the habit of watching bad movies is similar to when I went on the attack against my over-eating & eating of junk-food snacks.

When our subcommittee got together to list alternative activities for Family fellowship & relaxation, there was no end to it! We could have gone on & on. It's like listing all the healthful alternatives to junk food—there's no end to God's good supply! Since we've been talking about the need for greater unity & more affection in the Homes, replacing movie time with other united activities will solve several problems at the same time. Like the poem in Good Thots, the Lord may be requir-

ing of us to give up some of our cheap pearls, but He is giving us real joys in return. (See *Good Thots*, pg.529, #152.) To have a dance together or sweet fellowship time or cuddle time would provide so much better quality fellowship. There are so many other fun & truly satisfying things we can do which will not only give us a break from our busy work, but which will be feeding instead of draining. It's like an addiction that can be broken by replacing it with something much better.

It's interesting how the "TV Home Educator" goes to great lengths to expose how TV has robbed the average System home of quality communication. It's interesting to note that in our Homes as well, quality communication is sometimes somewhat lacking, because the Personal Time requirement & the OHR feedback are the requirements we are having the greatest difficulty fulfilling. So minimising movies will probably have a very positive effect in our Homes, & help us find the time we need.

Lack of funds & lack of time are two factors we battle with as we seek to fully implement the DTR. I did a rough calculation & found out that dropping one movie a week in all our Homes will save us 6,000 man hours weekly in the Family. It's quite staggering when you look at it that way.

I've been a big movie-watcher, so it will be nice to be able to help reverse the trend. I was thinking about how much more fellowship & quality time we'll be able to have in the Family by leaving the TV/video player out. We can replace it with more prayer time & quality heart-sharing. TYJ! I'm excited about the prospect.

Actually, I'm so excited about all these new pushes & revelations the Lord has been giving! Each one is so simple, so burden-lifting, so edifying, & will have such a liberating effect! TYJ! I would say the upcoming changes are the Lord's precious "rewards" to those who have stuck through the TS purge. Although some of these "rewards" take the form of correction & a challenge to greater discipleship, they are signs of His Love for us, His true sons. It truly is a back-to-the-basics Revolution, a fuller implementation of the spirit of the DTR.

I'm so glad that we obeyed this past year & conducted the TS purge in earnest, so that

the Lord can now go on with His Gideon's Band to greater victories. Each of these new "bombs" of instruction about movies, more follow-up, living Acts 2:44-45 more, de-emphasising System relatives, etc. have the built-in "Gideon's-Band factor," meaning those people who are not 100% with us will probably leave of their own accord due to these higher standards. But the Lord has

promised that He would give us new fruit once we obey. TYJ!

To have the path so clearly laid out & marked before us by these precious prophecies is truly wonderful! It's an exciting prospect, & we couldn't have asked for better "tools" for the job of helping to train & strengthen the Family than these directions from the Lord! PTL!

Activities for Family Fun & Fellowship!

Everyone in our Family works very hard, & we all look forward to an opportunity to rest & unwind & relax. For most of us, one of the main means of relaxation in the past was to watch videos. Unfortunately though, we can all relate to having sat down for a nice relaxing Saturday night video, only to find two hours later that we regret even having watched it because afterwards we're not relaxed! Instead, we're wound up even more, with distracting thoughts & a System scenario that continues to run through our heads & sometimes even drains us or distracts from the Lord's Word & presence. Relaxing shouldn't be something that makes us lay down our standard, but in our times of relaxation we should enjoy the Lord & fellowship with each other in the right spirit. "Come ye to a desert place & rest awhile," was the Lord's standard of relaxing with His Disciples.

So many of us have desired to have more time in the Word, more time with our children, more time with our mates & co-workers in the Lord, more time alone with the Lord in prayer & in enjoying His fellowship. So in answer to our prayers, the Lord has shown us that we can better use the time we previously dedicated towards so many System movies by giving it to Him & our other loved ones. We now have more time to unite in prayer, unite in the Word, unite in songs & praises & fellowship; more time for witnessing, teaching, training, studying the Word & sharing lessons together.—And even more time to have fun & relax together! PTL! What a marvellous answer to prayer!

Of course, the right kind of movies can be

fun & enjoyable, but if we don't have a movie available to watch, there are so many other things we can do together, with just a little planning, to relax & unwind in the right spirit. We understand it's not that easy to find time to plan united activities, but maybe the time that people previously spent previewing movies can now be spent planning other activities. We can get back to the simplicity of just enjoying the Lord & one another in fellowship.—And we'll probably get to know each other a lot better too! PTL!

Below is a list of activities that you might want to try when you want to have fun, do something different, tackle a project unitedly, or relax & enjoy Family fellowship or some quiet activity. Some of the activities below would make good substitute activities instead of your regular weekly movie nights when you're looking forward to some fun & fellowship—but other of the activities are more appropriate for quieter evenings or daily Family Time or weekly Family Day with the kids, or for people who are very energetic & up to some fun, challenging, united, work-oriented projects.

- Burn free with "Hearts Aflame"! The very same weekend nights that we used to spend watching System movies, we could now dedicate towards witnessing adventures!
- Watch a sunset.
- Go stargazing.
- Take a walking Prayer Vigil with 1 or 2 others.
- Meaningful adult/Teen fellowships once the younger kids are in bed

- Have testimony time & pass the tape recorder, sharing testimonies on different topics, such as miracles of supply, miracles of protection, miracles of healing etc. (You could then have the best ones transcribed & sent in to the FSM.)
- Watch the GAP Videos & Home Schooling Videos (HSV).
- Have inspiration where we really let the Spirit flow with songs & praise.
- Use the Talk Time booklet.
- Play memory & review games.
- Have Bible studies with your most inspired, animated Bible teachers.
- Have a Family dance, maybe after a nice inspiring meal together. (Dances are much more uplifting if you use Family music Tapes rather than System music.)
- Have Family fellowship time, with sharing lessons or mistakes, or having prayer for others.
- Have dress-up night with a special meal, like Russian night, & pray for the brethren in that part of the World.
- Have a Family "Week's Review" type of fellowship, where you review all that the Lord has done that week for the Home & count your blessings & give testimonies from the week.
- Gather around the table & write out verse cards to put up in the bathroom, kitchen etc. to inspire others.
- Tell a "circle story": You go around in turn in a circle & each person says one sentence to build a story. This can be telling a witnessing story, or a lesson story, but all based on a good message.
- Have a ministry night, where the "experts" from different departments take turns showing how they fulfil their ministry. The kitchen crew can explain how they plan the meals or do the weekly shopping. The toddler teacher could explain how she keeps the toddlers inspired & what materials she uses etc.
- Have a cookout with gypsy dancing, a campfire, & stargazing.
- Enjoy the Lord's Creation & fellowship together outside. Have some build the campfire, others help prepare the meal, others prepare the music & inspiration etc., & all take part in it.
- Share personal testimonies. People can give their testimony of their life before they met the Family & how Jesus rescued & saved them & brought them to the Family, or of all that the Lord has done for them since they've joined the Family.
- Game night, play different games together that are fun for everybody & that are edifying. Play Bible games or Scripture games like Quizorama (coming soon!), or spelling games like Scrabble, Probe, etc., or exercise games like Twister.
- Square dancing, or learn Latin dances, Cha Cha, national dances, Waltz, Polka etc.
- Dance games, like the one where each couple dances on a newspaper & each time the music stops, the newspaper gets folded in half. Each couple has to stay on their newspaper.
- More dance games: Broom dance: There's one more girl than boys. She dances with a broom. When the music stops, everyone scrambles to change partners. The girl who ends up without a partner gets the broom. Fun, as the girls rush to grab the broom. Freeze dance: Couples have to freeze when the music stops, & anyone who moves is out of the game.
- Birthday night for whatever sun sign is that month
- Acting out MO Letter charades, using motions
- Drawing Charades: Instead of acting out the charade, you draw it on a whiteboard or blackboard using simple artwork.
- Candlelight dinner
- Costume party, with MO Letter & Good Thots characters or with a theme
- Watch documentaries.
- Question & Answer time—Teens ask questions to adults
- Sleep outside in tents—camp out.

- Seminars, like Mega Memory, secretary training, etc. (These two will be on the circuit soon, D.V.)
- News sharing time where the different departments tell what's happening in their departments & what progress is being made, what their current projects are, etc. (Especially good for large Homes)
- Special dinner: Have the children bedded down for the night & then have a special late dinner with candlelight, wine, time to talk, music, dancing, etc.
- Have an evening of special "night school" classes where your Home Members can learn something new—like guitar classes, computer classes, nutrition classes, etc.
- Have appreciation night for a certain department.
- Have appreciation night for different individuals—go around the circle & have everyone share the one thing that they appreciate that person the most for.
- Inspirational meetings where the Shepherds share news, lessons, changes, ideas, challenge the flock—but not on subjects that are too sober or serious. Keep it light & fun!
- Learn how to "sign" (so you can talk & witness to the deaf).
- Get a fun pet (dog or cat) that all can enjoy—adults & children alike.
- All or a chosen amount of people can talk about how they got saved.
- Have different people (or everyone) share about how they met the Family.
- Have a "talk-about-it" time where different people share about their first night in a Home, or about the day & events of their first day in a Home.
- Everyone or a group of people can share about when they read their first ML & what it was & how it affected them.
- Share your experiences of what it was like when you first got the gift of tongues.
- Share testimonies of experiences seeing your Guardian Angel or receiving help from Angels.
- Memory competition games, moderated by someone who makes sure no one feels embarrassed, with answers done in teams, so no one singled out.
- Puzzles!
- Do like the HOPE mag (HOPE 24) & share "You've Got It All" style testimonies with Teens, JETTs & kids.
- Act out people's testimonies or witnessing skits. (Teens & EAs are great in preparing activities like this.)
- Play games or recreational activities from the RPM booklet.
- Play Word Fun games & other games & board games from Activity Book IV, which is an undiscovered gold mine of wonderfully edifying games.
- Read through the "Now It Can Be Told" Chapters & relive them, even put some into skits, & draw out the lessons.
- Home decorating, or arts & crafts, colour posters
- Drama night, or skit night
- Reporter game: Pretend you're a journalist in Bible times reporting something, & covering some event like the building of Noah's Ark.
- Learn a song in a foreign language.
- Language night where everyone only speaks a foreign language (or the local language of the land which the Home is learning). You can also have a meal of typical foods from that country.
- Gypsy night with a campfire & learn/teach the various gypsy dances. (Can be a "fake" campfire with a flashlight & fan under coloured paper, & firewood. If you need to be inside due to rainy or cold weather.)
- Bible slide show
- Pass the guitar around & sing oldie goldie songs.
- Pick activities or things to do from a hat (or from under your plate or whatever) & everyone does what their little piece of paper says when their turn comes 'round—like "Sing an M&M Chorus", "Hug the person next to you," etc.

- Restaurant night: The dining room can be made up like a restaurant, with waiters & a maitre d', etc. Also, some people can be the buskers & witnesses who go from table to table.
- McHeaven's Restaurant: Dinner can be set up like a fast food restaurant, with the food served from a counter with hamburgers wrapped in paper, french fries served in paper bags or paper cups, juice in paper cups, etc.—with the servers wearing aprons, paper chef hats etc.
- Bible reading, possibly choose Chapters, such as Proverbs, that not everyone is so familiar with & people can share applications to verses.
- Current events nights: Someone can fill everyone in on the latest current events & happenings, or a WND class, going through & explaining articles in the WND.
- Share pioneer adventures: Testimonies of pioneering various countries or early days pioneering adventures.
- Amateur home video night: Throughout the week, amateur cameramen can take shots of people & events in your Home & then you watch it together one evening.
- Computer classes
- Make a Home slide show which you can then show with a running commentary. (Or slides of a special event that happens in the Home.)
- "Bible in Pictures" slides & tapes, if available
- History lesson of the country where you live. Or a general class on important things to know about the country, the people etc. to familiarise everyone with the country you live in
- Show a video on the country where you live, like a documentary or a travelogue.
- Read through "Charity & Charm" & "Becoming God's Man" together. (And practice & do the things therein.)
- Have special evenings or dinners during which you practice etiquette & table manners from "Charity & Charm" & "Becoming God's Man".
- Nationals from different countries can give their testimonies & explain about the customs of their homelands. If you don't have anybody in your Home of the nationality of some interesting country, maybe someone could volunteer to do a little study on that particular country & do a presentation about it.
- "How To" Classes: How to clean heads on tape recorders, how to get stains out, how to sharpen tools, knives, scissors, how to cut hair, basic handyman tips that are good for all of us to know how to do, etc.
- Endtime classes, brush up on Endtime main events together.
- Arts & Crafts Night: Adults team up with kids & do different projects or learn new skills.
- Big united Get-Out playing a united outdoor game(s)
- "C'mon, Let's Dance" Video (GAP 057)
- If you have a pool, have a pool party & do fun Activity Book III pool games (pgs.J51-J53). Or, have an outdoor dance, & then go swimming.
- Listen to a "Garden of Eden" Tape, & follow along in the book. Or lay on the floor, turn the lights down low & listen to a MO Tape (with Grandpa talking).
- Go for an evening walk in groups of two or three, to get to know each other more personally. Take turns telling stories of interesting things that have happened to you or things about yourself.
- Go around in a circle & share personal things like: Likes, interests, favourite things, or share songs or poems you've written.
- Do a project night where everyone brings a project that they are personally working on—like a sewing project, organising your Home's PR photo albums, mending, revamping your review system, transferring notes from an old Bible to a new one, etc.—& have fellowship time while doing your projects. And have a fun snack afterwards.
- Guest speakers (road teams, Nationals,

Shepherds or visitors from other Homes, people on visa trips, etc.)

- Early night to bed
- Perhaps plan a week's menu—discuss new ideas for fun meal or menu changes, new food ideas, etc.
- Do Pow-wows from the pubs.

Work-oriented activities for people who have lots of energy & enjoy these types of projects:

- Make some of the toys (& games) described in the Activity Books.
- Handyman Attack Teams can rearrange, repaint/repair/reupholster to help brighten up your Heavenly Home.
- Mail ministry night where we each write thank-you letters to our friends & provisioning contacts, & take time to pray for each one individually.
- Work together on an "attack team" to make a Home improvement or have a clean-up campaign. You can paint a room or attack the kitchen cupboards or shampoo the carpets or a team of menders & seamstresses could repair clothes. A fun snack can be served as well.
- Have a big forsake-all, everyone go through suitcases for any extra clothes etc. & have a big free store all together.
- Have a fun "organisation" attack night—where if there's some area the Home is weak in, get it organised!

Quiet activities, for restful evenings during your busy week:

- Give everyone the night off to do Word studies, then highlights can be shared at Sunday Fellowship.
- Do Treasure Hunts.
- Make a card or quote for somebody else.
- Have a language study, brush up on vocabulary words or phrases.
- Reading teams of a few people who don't usually read together, reading whatever they want
- Experiment with new ways to pray—conver-

sational prayer, one-liners, pick a promise & pray, etc.

- Have Prayer Vigil topics: Pray for souls, our contacts, the parents, the children, the teachers, etc.
- Swap memory & review tips & pointers & work on your review system & get it all set up.
- Read old MLs together, such as "Mokes", "Dad's Day", "Thoughts & Prophecies," or even new ones, like "Now It Can Be Told" etc.
- Listen to Family music Tapes while at the same time cutting out flannelgraphs, making Word cards, or making readers for children or wall posters for school rooms.
- Adults can read past HOPE mags &/or Traumatic Testimonies that they haven't read yet.

(If you find it difficult to plan a full evening's fellowship based on just one of these suggested activities, perhaps a combination of different activities would be easier & more enjoyable. For example, perhaps someone could prepare a current events or WND class for a maximum of half an hour, then you could have half an hour of "How To" tips & then finish the evening up with a few skits or testimony time or a signing class for another 30 minutes or an hour.

For more ideas, see the Activity Books or the Childcare Handbook Volume 2, on the subject of skits, music activities, etc.) ■

SPECIAL REQUEST:

Please send in via your TRF any additional ideas your Home may come up with for Family fun & fellowship! Thanks! We'll be looking forward to hearing from you! We love you!