

A Frog in Hot Water

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As a college student I learned a fascinating fact about the animal kingdom. If the temperature of a frog's water is raised gradually, he senses no danger—not even when the boiling point is reached. This means that the poor little guy will boil to death without ever thinking to hop to safety.

I fear that many Christians aren't much wiser than the foolish frog. Consider how Satan is slowly turning up the heat in the American living room. When television first became popular, most Christians were incensed by the occasional curse word. They complained. Sometimes, they turned off the TV in disgust. But they got used to it. A few years later, most Christians were deeply troubled by the barrage of coarse language on television. They complained. Sometimes, they turned off the TV in disgust. But they got used to it. After a few more years, most Christians were disturbed by the partial nudity, adultery, and premarital sex on television. They complained. Sometimes, they turned off the TV in disgust. But they got used to that too.

Satan once again has his hand on the thermostat. Homosexual relationships are popping up in commercials and shows of all kinds. Who's complaining? Who's turning off the TV in disgust? Who's already used to it?

The apostle Paul commanded: "Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. [...] Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Rom. 12:1-2). Will the Lord's people obey this inspired teaching? Will the line be drawn? Will Christians one day be watching TV shows glamorizing bestiality and pedophilia?

Biblical teaching compels us to either turn off the TV and leave it off or to become far more selective. May we "hop to safety" before we boil to death in Satan's worldly pot!

Family Workbook

Honest evaluation, though often painful to hear, provides an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. Ask your spouse how you can become a better husband or wife. But don't do this unless you sincerely want to know the truth.

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