

General Topics :: "Death Metal"... help!

"Death Metal"... help! - posted by IsaiahSix3, on: 2008/8/1 15:20

I have a nephew that I'm responsible for because his mother left when he was a baby and his dad is an alcoholic. It's a sad story.

He got an ipod for Christmas and has used our computer to download songs onto it. We noticed last night he got songs by Metallica and Korn. I don't know much about this music but I know it's satanic.

I'm about to delete the songs but I want to be able to give him some really good information about WHY it's bad - beside s just saying, "Because I said so" and making him resent me. I want him to know it is truly demonic and that bad things come from it.

The reason I'm here asking for help is because I have spent a LONG TIME scouring the internet for this sort of information and have come up empty.

Does anyone know of a specific person or ministry that details the bad aspects of this music as a warning to parents?

Someone told me of a man named Billy Mayo whose ministry was going around to churches teaching of the dangers of the music, but he is older and has nothing currently online that I can find. I'm looking for that sort of info which can be printed up and given to my nephew to read.

He totally thinks I'm overreacting and I want him to understand that I'm NOT. That it is serious and that the spiritual war is real and that there is a battle for his soul going on.

Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Thanks

Re: "Death Metal"... help! - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/1 15:26

There's a well-known documentary called "Hell's Bells", an 18-part series on the Satanic influence of rock-and-roll. It's very informative, and I think you can find it on YouTube if you do a search.

I think Greg Gordon posted a thread not too long ago called by the same name. I see if I can dig it up for you.

Brother Paul

Re: "Death Metal"... help! - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/8/1 15:28

This may help.

Hell's Bells 2: The Power and Spirit of Popular Music

"... perhaps the greatest documentary on any subject ever! Lives will change." Ray Comfort - Internationally renowned author and evangelist

"...Movie Guide's highest rating!" Dr. Ted Baehr, Christian Film and Television Commission

Over three years in the making, this much-anticipated sequel to the original Hell's Bells series weaves together science, satire, testimonies, parables, interviews, expansive research, and a vibrant Christian perspective to create a video series that is as fascinating as it is educational and evangelistic. Far more than just a commentary on the dangers of popular music, this eight-part, six-hour, up-to-the-minute documentary uncovers the "war of the worldviews" - the epic struggle between good and evil, sin and redemption for the souls of men and the destiny of our culture.

Great not only for evangelizing the lost and challenging Christians to greater holiness and service, it also serves as an outstanding primer on worldviews. Among other things, it features a fascinating history of the occult revivals that took place in the late 19th century (and that would later have such a profound impact in the 60s), an analysis of "chaos versus creation", nihilism, what it means to be truly "satanic" and much, much more. Using music as a diagnostic tool, Hell's Bells 2 - The Power and Spirit of Popular Music examines the modern world, dusting it for the fingerprints of the men and ideas that have sought to dethrone God and set man up in His place. Ideal for Bible study, family discussion, discipling young people (and older folks, too!), Sunday school class and cell groups, this is one video series that is guaranteed to provoke discussion, reflection, and, by God's grace, changed lives.

It can be found

(http://www.theapologeticsgroup.com/cms/component/page,shop.product_details/flypage,shop.flypage/product_id,42/category_id,21/manufacture_id,0/option,com_virtuemart/Itemid,1/) here

****EDIT****

Did not see brother Paul's reply when I posted.

Re: "Death Metal"... help! - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/8/1 15:30

There is a ministry that has some good material on it. It is called "Fight the good fight"

(<http://www.goodfight.org/>) Goodfight Ministries

There is a DVD called "They sold their souls for Rock and Roll". I have watched this DVD and it is very informative.

Hope it helps.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/1 15:31

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id21899&forum35&start10&viewmode=flat&order1) Here is the Hell's Bells link from the SermonIndex thread brother Greg made. The discussion on the thread is good too.

Hey, TJ, we're tracking. :)

p.s. Kire also posted some links in the thread to another series called "They Sold Their Souls For Rock N' Roll"

Paul

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/8/1 15:37

Yes...

I believe we both had a "rock-n-roll" background...to say the least.

This is a real issue that many need to be made more aware of. I thank God for putting His finger on this issue in my life early in my walk with Him.

Re: "Death Metal"... help! - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2008/8/1 16:28

I would highly recommend that you check out good fight ministries - goodfight.org

Their website is very informative with exposes on a myriad of secular artists. It is also full of great articles on the subject .

I would also HIGHLY recommend viewing their 2 + hour documentary entitled "They Sold Their Souls For Rock & Roll." You can view the entire documentary for free on youtube. Just do a search for that title in youtube and you can watch it, albeit separated into like 30 different parts.

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There is also a ministry called No More ministries which is pretty informative as well. nomoreministries.com Although I don't always agree with the former's methods - he has some REALLY good info on his site.

I just preached a two or three month series to my youth on this very subject and these two ministries were great helps.

God bless!

-Jeff

Re:, on: 2008/8/5 9:23

While the suggested documentaries are good (altho the original Hells Bells seems very outdated)... none of these things will have the desired effect if your nephew isnt saved.

If he isnt saved then he will not understand what the big deal is. You must first pray pray pray... and then present the gospel to him and pray that the Holy Spirit will open his eyes and convince him of the truth.

Then, and only then, will you be able to present this issue of music to him. You can tell an alcoholic that beer can be hazardous to him, but he wont care. He already knows it, and doesnt care. It's the same way with music.

Also, educate yourself. Korn & Metallica are not "Death Metal". Korn is more Grindcore, and Metallica is pure Metal. I know that seems silly, but you will lose credibility with kids if you sound like you have no idea what your talking about. I remember one of my aunts, who was a Christian, telling me when I was a kid that Lynyrd Skynyrd was "Acid Metal"... and that the band AC/DC chose their name because they were bi-sexual. She was absolutely wrong on both counts, and because of that... I totally blew her off, and her religion.

If you have a teen in your house, unfortunately for you you **have** to keep up with whats going on in the pop culture. Especially if your kid is in the public school. You need to know whats going on. Who is who... what is what... etc.

Also... it's your house and your computer. You have every right to tell him that he can no longer download that stuff on your computer. Granted, he'll get it somewhere else, but you dont have to be the vehicle in which he gets it.

Lastly, (this is where I'll get criticized) even tho I have some real issues with the Contemporary Christian Music **industry**. .. there are some really good bands and artists out there. Again, you need to educate yourself and find artists and bands that are in it for the ministry, and not the \$\$\$. Once you've found a few, turn your nephew onto them.

Now, there are some here who will disagree with me and say that certain styles of music are demonic... and thats ok. We can agree to disagree on that. My personal opinion is that if the music doesnt enhance your life in Christ, dont listen to it... and dont judge someone who cant figure out how you get blessed by certain music.

Hope this helps... actually, I hope this makes sense! lol

Krispy

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/8/5 9:44

Amen Krispy!

Re: Credulity - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/8/5 9:57

Quote:
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Yes. Must chime in here as well. This matter of credibility is so far reaching I am currently wrestling with some articulation to apply it across the whole of recent happenings with events in Florida and those associated, promoting or of the same

e particular mindsets ...

If we cannot start there, with credibility, then all that follows is spurious at best as it now has speculation as it's basis and builds itself on false premises.

I am not sorry at all to say that I would have a greater appreciation for many of the so called 'secular' bands and musicians that I grew up with and loved and tried to learn their songs as a drummer and later as a guitar player then most of what passes for it's opposite these days. It lacks both credibility and honesty too often, is soulless and not spiritual, sentimental, tawdry, cheap and lacking any originality.

What is forgotten is that 'demonic' is not something that is plastered as a label upon things that Christians have some aversion to, some dislike, that is an easy target. Believe it or not the very things thought to be nice, Christian product can be that which is underpinned with demonic elements - Is not the idea to be swayed and misled, an angel of light - Peter being rebuked as the habitation of the devil's thoughts ...

"Worldly" is a better grasp, the whole world *lieth in wickedness*. It is the set of the mind - Hardly would it be a supportive notion that I am forwarding, it is an appeal to getting our facts straight and having some real credibility - knowing what we are talking about.

Educate yourself. Amen.

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2008/8/5 11:48

I have to say a "hearty" AMEN to Krispy's post. I would definitely say don't give your teenage nephew hell's bells to watch as it's "outdatedness" provides much humor with which he could distract himself.

As Krispy said, the music is not the primary issue. Although addressing it could certainly be the vehicle through which you present the gospel to him. However, the worst thing one could do is simply attack an individual's music without addressing the real issue which is their alienation from God. Music is a very sacred thing to many, especially a young person. To make that your target will probably, as Krispy said, cause you to lose credibility.

Pray, Pray, Pray! I am a full time youth pastor, and I have seen it time and again. Young people sit through sermon after sermon, and nothing clicks. They continue following the secular culture - music, movies etc... Yet one touch from the Holy Spirit and they're bringing me their music to burn or throw away. It wasn't forced by myself, but supernaturally done through the work of the Holy Spirit.

just my thoughts...

Jeff

Re: - posted by growingholly, on: 2008/8/5 12:28

I once heard a sermon given through ravenhill, and he may have been quoting someone else, but I remember him saying, "entertainment is the devil's substitute for joy, and sport is her sister."

I hope to give you some experiential practical advice here...my heart goes out to you and your family; I disciplined a couple of different hurting teenagers (also victims of hard family/adoption circumstances and both were very much into music) and it is one of the hardest things one can do. Be encouraged that God has selected you for this monumental task. Through this, you will learn even more to trust in Him and only Him for any and all strength. You will be pushed way past your limits. You will be tested as gold is tested in the fire. Praise God for His matchless wonderful grace! I believe He will draw you to Himself through this, and hopefully He will draw your whole family closer to Himself!!

The following is all given to you with love for the saints.

First and foremost, the boy needs Christ, and only if and when Christ regenerates his heart will he learn to hate the sin he once loved (check out Ezekiel 36). In hopeful anticipation that God will work a miracle and save the child unto His glory, I offer the following...

I propose that as a family (all of us on these boards), we join together in prayer over your nephew, that God would have

mercy on his soul. also, i would ask that we all pray for your spouse as well as you, that you two would be unified, able to communicate, able to pray together, devoted to the Lord and to prayer with an attitude of thanksgiving. the devil has been waging war over this boy and now he will wage war over your whole family. be warned that he will do anything he can to destroy your household. i would encourage you and your spouse to listen to the sermons given through denny kenaston and paul washer on raising children. it is no small task to inherit a teenager that has been rejected by parents (i know one died, but that is very likely how he feels). basically, he has been told a lie by the devil that he was less important than alcohol. but you can bring him truth and consistency, and you can walk out in front of him the desire to leave this world and all its meaningless pursuits behind.

i would like to address something about the metal-the metal issue is merely a symptom of a huge illness: we are God-hating by nature. God-hating. we would, in the flesh, rather have tv or music or movies or video games than God. just this morning, a friend told me that there is a missionary staying in our town that was bored because there wasn't a tv at the missionary house, so they went and watched spiderman 3. i wanted to just sit down and cry. i hear a lot of talk about metal or rap in particular, or occasionally grand theft auto, but we need to see that all entertainment is of the devil. i know professing Christians that know more about the characters on csi than they do about the real people mentioned in the Word of God. i submit that there is no godly form of entertainment. it's not just metal, rap, grand theft auto...it's all of it. country music is just as worldly and evil as metal. hannah montana is just as worldly and evil as the sopranos. watching tv, movies, magazines, etc....all these things take us away from worshipping a holy God. they all draw us to pursue our own interests and be exalted. they lure us in order to become our "little gods". and we have to watch ourselves with worship songs, as even some worship songs are scarily man-centered and anti-Scriptural. we must be discerning.

it might be a really beautiful thing for the two of you to purge your lives together as a team, or do it all as a family. for example, if you have a tv in your house, throw it out (or sell it and give the money to the poor)when he is deleting his ipod; you guys can bond by doing this together. plus, like any child that has been through a tough scenario, he most likely is looking to you to truly practice what you preach, and you must obey God in all things and do it to the extreme that Jesus demands of us. if he finds one tiny hole in your armor, he will tear you to shreds (if he's like most kids who have had adoption/family trauma issues). i agree wholeheartedly that it is a very wise choice to be educated on the stuff going on, but also you have to be willing to give up all your stuff too. i just really believe that a few types of entertainment don't encompass the whole entertainment issue. one type of practical suggestion: if you do have entertainment in your home, and you guys get rid of it, another cool thing might be to have him help you sell it on ebay or something; most kids are very net-savvy and it would give him ownership of the solution and a chance to be a help to you. you remember your teenage years...it was soooooo cool if your uncle or dad asked you to help with something. maybe you guys can team up and sell the stuff on ebay and take the money to buy food for the homeless and go take it to them or to a shelter. give the money to the poor and have him help. this hits a number of bases all at once: solution ownership, experiencing your radical obedience to Christ, seeing the poor and realizing his fortunate circumstances and helping someone other than himself. we all have stuff we need to die to. if you already got rid of the tv, find something else. letting him being a part of it along with you also lets him know that you are here to fight for him and alongside him.

your road will be hard, friend, but what a sacrifice for Christ, and if this child comes to know God through God's call on your life, then what a worthy and beautiful thing that will be! either way though, God will be glorified. this child is a victim, yes, without a doubt. but he is also accountable to a holy God, and God says that we are all without excuse. love him, be compassionate, but do not budge when you know Scripturally that something is against God's will and does not glorify Him.

i do sincerely hope that none of this was hurtful to you, but rather, i pray it will help you. it's gonna be a long, difficult road, but please remember that God has granted you this to grow you and to possibly save some people, but be encouraged, friend, that the main goal is to glorify the Lord!!! what a gracious God He is!!!

with sincere love and gratitude for your heart to seek godly counsel, hoping i have not said anything hurtful. praise be to the Lord God.
holly

Re:, on: 2008/8/5 13:59

I agree with most of what Holly said... very good post. I would like to point out two things that were said in that post that I don't necessarily agree with. Not as a point of contention, but just to make my own opinion known.

Holly said:

Quote:

-----but we need to see that all entertainment is of the devil

I think that is a bit extreme. Like anything else in life, being entertained is not evil in and of itself. Take for instance The Andy Griffith Show... family and godly values were promoted, the characters all went to church and had respect for the law. It's an excellent tool for teaching your children life lessons. (someone is bound to point out that Otis the drunk was one of the characters, but he was portrayed as being pitiful. He wasn't portrayed as someone you should try to emulate... unlike Cheech & Chong a decade later were)

The problem comes in when people lose all sense of moderation. If TV is used to bring smut into your home (which is generally is today), or you spend more time watching Andy Griffith than you do reading your Bible... **then** it becomes a sin.

But there is no prohibition against entertainment in the Bible. In fact, the OT is full of celebrations that God **commanded** Israel to observe... and most of them were not celebrated in a somber way. A celebration is what? Entertainment. Even Jesus and His disciples went to at least one wedding. Probably a lot of them. I don't think they just sat there silently with sows on their faces trying to keep their halos perfectly balanced on their heads.

It's when we get out of balance that it becomes a sin. Just like eating. We need to eat, but when we become gluttonous... that's a sin. Go to a church dinner sometime and observe mass sin... usually led by the pastor.

The other thing I wanted to suggest... if you decide to dispose of your TV, CD players, whatever... **don't** sell them to someone else. Why, if you're convinced it's sin or it causes you to stumble, would you sell it to someone else? You wouldn't recommend a drug addict sell his cocaine to someone in order to get it out of his house, right?

No, if you are convinced God wants you to get rid of something that is causing sin in your life, then just throw it in the landfill.

Krispy

Re: - posted by growingholly, on: 2008/8/5 14:15

yay, thanks krispy!!

i do need the body to keep me in check, very much so! (glad to hear at least the andy griffith show had some decent values. :))

i did have a question, though: in regard to your writing about the celebrations, weren't the feasts/celebrations in the Bible to celebrate God? i don't know about all of them, but i recall them being celebrations about God or celebrations to encourage the brethren. i remember that many of them were set up as a memorial to remember something God did for them. when i wrote that about entertainment, i meant that i see entertainment as a secular thing; i suppose i should have clarified that, sorry. :) it is my belief that there is a societal idea that there is "the stuff we do for God" and then there is "the other stuff". it is my belief that this mentality opposes the commands to 1) do all things to the glory of God and 2) to walk in the Spirit (walking as a style of life, connected to Him at all times). that's what i was referring to. didn't make it into the post for some reason...hee heeeeeeee, silly holly-brain. it kinda works most days.

sorry about that!! thank you so much for challenging me on that, seriously. that is one thing i was really excited about in regard to this forum, hoping that if i am wrong in something i will be corrected. wow, i am so stoked about you guys. way sorry for not being clear enough with what i meant. yay for krispy, i am grateful God has placed discernment in you. g

ood catch, thanks again. :)

oh, whoops, and yes, i do think you're right about the not selling the stuff thing, but i go back and forth on it in my weakness. i was originally of the idea that we should throw stuff out, not sell it. but a brother in my fellowship pointed out that we can sell it and give the money to the poor, so i thought it was cool. so that was one where i thought maybe i was being too extreme...still undecided about it all. we are commanded in so many places to help the poor, and Jesus even said His followers would ("when you help the poor"). but i also don't want to put it back out there, so it's an issue i'm still torn about, truly...

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2008/8/5 14:18

This is directed at Holly:

I can see that you are a very sincere and dedicated believer. I have to say though that I would disagree that ALL entertainment is sinful. If that were the case many of the men whom we highly esteem would have been seen as sinful. Evan Roberts was known to enjoy the theater, and many other great preachers were fans of poetry and great literature - secular and sacred. The Apostle Paul even quote the most pagan of poets in his preaching.

Certainly we have to draw a line with filth and content which is the very thing Jesus was crucified to save us from. Certainly there is no entertainment value in such things. However, the Song of Solomon was not written with the original intent of being an allegory referring to Christ and the Church and Yahweh and Israel. It was originally written as a love song to a woman. A song or poem describing Godly love between a man and a woman. Some of it, if it were written today, may even be something I would shun. However, it is in the Bible. This speaks to me of the fact that God is not opposed to us finding joy in and or being built up by depictions of life in the context of God. Does that make sense? I'm not sure if I articulated myself well enough...

I'm interested in hearing your reply...

Jeff

Re: - posted by growingholly, on: 2008/8/5 15:01

good call, jeff. thank you all for your patience with me. i see your point about evan roberts and the others. i don't think they went to hell over going to the theatre, i just don't want to go. they may well could look into my heart and see lots that needs to be dealt with, much to my embarrassment and hurt. i think you articulated yourself very well, thank you so much for your help! i have also used movies to help people understand, just as paul quoted poets. i do try to keep it to a minimum and often feel convicted that i shouldn't have, as God's Word speaks for itself. but sometimes i feel no conviction and feel that it really helped the person understand what i was trying to communicate analogously. we do have these things available to us, and like paul used the culture to speak to that culture, so can we in moderation. there is lots of sexual language used throughout the Bible, you are right, and if given an opportunity to distort it, it can be misused, just like everything else God gave for His glory and we distort (sex, food, love, nature, animals, etc.) i would shun song of songs also if it were misused, but in the context of its Biblical glory, it is beautiful to my very soul. ahh....

so i'll tell you what: i will concede that it is a possibility to me that not all entertainment is sinful. i am but a tiny baby in Christ!! i just love Him so much i can't bear the thought of hurting Him, and i think of things like "do not be conformed to the world", and "do not waste time for the days are evil", and i read in the gospels and epistles and haven't found a spot where they take time off and go to the coliseum or something (except the wedding where He made the wine)...i don't see instructions to recreate. but i certainly do see that i am very new to Him (just about a year after having been in cultural "Christianity" for several years, and now my little fellowship was torn apart as half got shipped to iraq)). i want the Lord to be my all, that i would not desire the things of earth, but only the things above. i want to throw off every hindrance...oh, how i cry even now as i type this message. i believe that anyone on this board feels the same way. i know my flesh is trying to burden me, i feel the worldliness still tugging at me, and i fear the Lord, i fear Him so much. i hate my sin, i hate it that i still sin sometimes, it drives me near to madness. that's my heart, please don't feel i am being mean or anything, and please know i say this of a changed heart towards a holy God. i want Him to show me, and i am so very, very grateful to you guys for your replies, i will take them to Him. my heart is singing to know you are helping to sharpen me and all so whoever else may read this, hopefully all this is helping the guy who wrote the first post. praise be to God for His divine mercies, new each morning!!!

praise be to God, that He uses wretches like any of us, like paul, like evan roberts, like peter. what a mighty God we serve indeed. thank you all, let us pray mightily over this family in need.

love you guys; i sure have missed ture fellowship desperately. this is so wonderful. hugs for all.
sorry so long...

Re:, on: 2008/8/5 16:17

Hey Holly, to answer your question about celebrations in the OT... certainly they were a time of celebrating and honoring God. I didnt mean they were entertainment as in mindless entertainment. But even tho they were a time for celebrating, honoring and remembering God... they were also meant for the people to enjoy God, and enjoy or have joy in His prese nce.

For instance, in the NT Paul said that the man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was made for man.

Krispy

Re: - posted by growingholly, on: 2008/8/5 18:25

yay, wow, that is just what i was thinking too. every celebration of God just being beautiful and Spirit-filled, joyous. full i n Him. what a wonderful God to serve. ahhhhhhh.

thank you so much for dialoguing in this; it brings me joy to see this. i thank God. :)

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/5 23:43

For those in this thread claiming "Hells Bells" wasnt a good recommendation, I would remind you of the original question:

Quote:

-----Does anyone know of a specific person or ministry that details the bad aspects of this music as a warning to parents?

Notice, the request wasn't to educate the child, but the parent.

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2008/8/6 1:30

Dear brother -

I didn't mean to offend you with my comments about "Hells Bells". I personally found it very enlightening. I simply mean t that it may not be the best thing for a teenager to be shown, simply because if they are already contrary to the idea, the y will find what they deem cheesy and corny and ignore the rest. Certainly it is a great documentary - the original is just a little outdated.

However, you are correct. Originally it was a request for something to educate the adult in charge. My apologies if I offe nded you. Not my intention at all...

God bless!

Jeff

Re:, on: 2008/8/6 7:58

I agree with Jeff... that was where I was coming from with Hells Bells too.

Krispy

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/6 8:37

Dear brethren, there's no offense at all. I just wanted to reinforce the original question, which expressed nothing about having the teenager view the documentary. I had to do a double-take when I saw some contrary issues with it (where suddenly the teenager was the focus of attention), and, for my own sake, I went back to re-read the original post.

Thanks for keeping me on my toes!

Paul :-)

Re: - posted by IsaiahSix3, on: 2008/8/6 9:05

Hey Holly,

Thank you (and the others) for your posts in response to my question. I just wanted to state that, for the record, I totally agree with you.

We actually haven't had TV in our home for around 10 years (other than one small, rabbit-ear-antenna TV in an upstairs bedroom which we use for news and an occasional Braves game - it only gets about 3 channels)

I have been heavily convicted about TV and music since I was a kid. It's just been one of those things I feel that God never would let me do with a clear conscience. (Along with listening to secular music and sending my kids away to school.) I am raising my kids in what most people think is a "weird" environment, not allowing them to be influenced at all by worldly TV shows (even the ones designed "for" kids) or advertising or music. What's funny to me is that I take a beating in terms of how weird or wrong it is to try to shelter them in this way, but those same people will often tell me things like, "Your kids are so good. I've never seen kids with a spirit quite like theirs. They are so happy and have such good attitudes... etc"

Funny how people don't get the CONNECTION between not letting all those influences into their lives and them having the good spirit about them that they have. I see it. I praise God everyday that He has shown me that this simple, innocent-seeming thing (a box in the living room) really does more damage than most people will ever realize. Not only in terms of being a worldly influence, but also in terms of it being a TOTAL distraction... keeping people's minds off of God, off of worship, off of prayer.

(When is the last time anyone switched off a sitcom and found themselves in the mood to pray, for example. Those shows just bog your spirit down with sinful ideas and thoughts and make getting close to God that much more difficult, IMO.)

Anyway, in regards to my nephew... he does not live with me. I don't have authority over him completely. If he was my own child, I would have much more liberty to do the things you have said. It's a unique situation... I'm just thankful that since the family he lives with is not tech-savvy that I am at least in control of the iPod. I have influence in small ways over him, but not enough to incorporate the ideas you have suggested. But I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

Donna

Re:, on: 2008/8/6 10:28

I got the clear impression that he was living with you. That makes it a bit different. I think the best you can do is pray, live your walk in front of him, and witness the gospel to him.

You must tell him he can not use your computer to download his music no matter what. Hold high the standard of Christ. Also, since it is your house you also reserve the right to tell him that he can not bring his iPod into your home as long as it has that kind of music on it.

Krispy