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How do you conquer Non christian music in a heathen enviroment? - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/11/30 6:08

I work am working in the royal mail at the moment and have to listen to 8 hours of heathen music. The machines are so loud that I am so glad to play Christian music when I get home.
I get half an hour break but how do you set yoru mind on things above when working in a place like that.

Re: How do you conquer Non christian music in a heathen enviroment? - posted by enid, on: 2007/11/30 6:20

I suppose I am ill equipt to answer this question since I work from home and it is 16 years since I worked outside the ho me, but I'll share my past experience with you.

To be honest, it never affected me, why, I don't know. If you were to ask me of some of the songs that were around then , or named them to me, or the singers, I would not know what you are talking about.

Are you allowed to use earphones at work? If so, listen to your own music. If not, use your break times to listen to your own music or read the word.

Guess you don't know any Christians at your workplace, that would help, depending on the level of their spirituality.

The sad thing is, some Christians are okay with worldly music. Speaks for itself, but they are.

I trust God will help you in your endeavour to glorify Him in every area of your life.

God bless.

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 7:32

I'm w/ enid... I work at home as well.

I would consider looking for another job if I were you. You're not a slave. You can go elsewhere.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/11/30 8:08

Dom,,

I agree with this.

Quote:
-----You're not a slave.

In the least, without knowing the situation, would it be possible for you to ask management to lower the volume of the m usic that is playing?

You mentioned you work for the Royal Mail. Well, just don't go postal over this situation. ;-)

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Re:, on: 2007/11/30 9:05

Maybe we should concentrate on trying to conquer non Christian music in a Christian environment first. It's really hard to make a statement when much of the today's Christian music sounds the same, including hard head banger Christian rock.

I know this is a touchy subject, but shouldn't we clean up our own house before we point fingers at someone else's?

Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/11/30 10:24

Katy,

What you are talking about is a whole different subject to the one deltadom wants help with.

We can talk about what's wrong with the church and it's music forever and still get nowhere.

Some even complain about certain hymns saying they are not Christian but roman catholic.

Where does it end?

Another thread can easily be started concerning that topic, or check out some of the numerous threads already started.

Let's deal with the question in hand.

God bless.

Re: How do you conquer Non christian music in a heathen enviroment?, on: 2007/11/30 10:40

Hi Dom,

I have a few other thoughts.

First, if the music is unhealthily loud and you are working with machinery which is loud, you may have a legal right to wear baffling ear muffs, to protect your hearing. This would also cut out the music.

When I read your question, my first thought was 'ear plugs?'

Additionally, if the environment is so loud that you cannot carry on conversation with colleagues, you may be allowed to listen to radio through an earphone - and of course, if you could get ear muffs, this might something you could do without specifically asking permission.

Particularly if the management already have a licence to play radio music in your workplace (and it is not simply cds being blasted out over loudspeakers) this would be a way forward. But if they are not playing radio music, you may not be allowed to either, because it's a legal requirement to licence a place of work for radio.

It is definitely worth your ringing your local environmental health department for advice. You can usually be put through to them from the number for your town hall. They have instrumentation for measuring noise levels, and if the amount of noise caused by the machinery is above a certain pitch, there may be a requirement on Royal Mail to provide you with industrial ear protection. It may be an option you can take anyway, and they cannot prevent you, if you find the noise levels distressing...

For instance, if your ears are ringing when you leave work, that is a hearing hazzard. They cannot make you not wear ear muffs, even if no-one else's ears are ringing.

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Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2007/11/30 11:05

Hi Dom...

I'll be praying for your situation, brother. Personally, I've found that it is helpful to learn to "tune out" the things of the world by finely tuning our minds and hearts upon "things above."

It is amazing that we can walk amongst the people and ways of this world with our line of communication with God still open. We need to move away from seeing prayer as simply a phone conversation that takes place solely on our knees and take the advice of Paul to "pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:8). This means we can always remember, always cry out (even if in our hearts), always remaining "in His presence" by learning to simply walk with God. When our focus is on "things above," it makes our days go by in a much more productive and blessed way!

Remember, the Lord didn't come to take us "out of the world" -- but to "keep us" while we are here (John 17:13-21). Rather, he hopes to take the world out of us. I remember how weird it felt when I first came to the Lord to walk down the loud, crowded halls of my public school while praying. I remember feeling like I didn't belong here. I felt like a pilgrim. But we must also remember that we are Ambassadors of Christ. We are meant to introduce Christ to those we come into contact with.

Be encouraged, dear brother! We will be praying for you. I have felt your pain. But more importantly, the Lord himself has felt your pain. He left Heaven to come and walk amongst a people who mostly did not recognize Him (and eventually lied about, betrayed and murdered Him). But remember the encouragement found in Hebrews 12:1-2...

Quote:

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Be encouraged!

Matthew 11:28-30
Jeremiah 29:11-13
Exodus 33:11
Matthew 5:8, 16

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 11:13

Quote:
-----First, if the music is unhealthily loud and you are working with machinery which is loud, you may have a legal right to wear baffling ear muffs, to protect your hearing. This would also cut out the music.

If you're working around machinery, loud music could be a safety issue as well. You may want to look into that avenue.

Krispy

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Re: How do you conquer Non christian music in a heathen enviroment?, on: 2007/11/30 11:16

Quote:
-----I work am working in the royal mail at the moment and have to listen to 8 hours of heathen music. The machines are so loud that I a
m so glad to play Christian music when I get home.

I believe I did keep to the subject here.
I agree with cchhriiss, that we are in the world but not of the world, and we keep our mind on Christ.

Christians need to be careful not to ***force*** Christianity and Christian likes and dislikes on the unsaved in an unsaved world.

If we are going to work in a world of unsaved and try to force OUR principles on others not yet saved, then we've lost the battle before it has started.

Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 12:55

I would just like to state, for Katy-dids benefit, that I have yet to hear ANY kind of Christian music... even hymns... that di
d not sound like some kind of music or another out there in the world.

What makes a particular style of music "Christian"? The Bible doesnt tell me anything about it one way or the other... so i
f someone could please enlighten me, I would appreciate it.

:-)

Keep in mind, I'm only talking about styles, not artists or lyrics. That stuff is obvious.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 13:18

Hi Krispy,

You may be correct there.

However "9 inch Nails", isn't that head banger Christian rock?

My nephew was into all of that kind of Christian Rock, and even played for a Christian Rock band.

3 years ago he died of the worse kind of cancer there is. I'm not saying the rock music gave him the cancer. But during t
he end, while in the hospital, he was listening to this through his head phones. One night the nurses saw that his vital sig
ns and facial expression were so out of whacked they didn't know what to do. Taking the head phones off they could hea
r the music. These Nurses were Christians. The got some hymns and replaced the rock and roll with the hymns, and beli
eve it or not, his vital signs or what ever concerned them went back to normal and his facial expression became peacefu
l.

Now, the issue is, this MUSIC, not words affect us. That is a fact Krispy. And the music can work people up into an emot
ional frenzy. Satan works on our emotions, and he knows how to do this through music....worldly music.

But you are correct. I remember years ago hearing the other version of Amazing Grace. I was with a friend who invited
me to church. During communion they were playing what I thought was "Oh Danny Boy" and I was shocked. I said, "
Mom, why were they playing Oh Danny Boy from the Danny Thomas Show?", that's not Christian!

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Katy-Did :-)

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 14:57

Quote:

-----However "9 inch Nails", isn't that head banger Christian rock?

Actually, I've never heard anyone call 9 Inch Nails a Christian band... including the band themself. They are about as far from being Christian as a band can get.

I think there is a time everything, including music and different music styles. When I'm weight lifting at the gym, hymns dont cut it for me. But when I'm alone with the Lord, they do. Keith Green's song "Asleep In The Light" is not a song that someone would play during a wedding ceremony... but at a revival service it would fit in great.

Dont know your nephew, dont know the music he was listening too... if it was 9 Inch Nails, well, they are bad enough to make a pig want to take a bath. I guess my face would be contorted too. The nurses did the right thing.

But then.... opera music makes my face get all contorted, and yet some people love it.

(by the way, please understand that I'm not in any way making light of what your nephew went thru...)

By the way, sorry to hear about your nephew. Glad to hear he knows the Lord. I says "knowns" because he knows Him better now than any of us ever have.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 15:28

Quote:

-----But then.... opera music makes my face get all contorted, and yet some people love it.

Krispy,

There is a teacher in Indiana who kept the kids in detention after school. For punishment he would make them listen to one hour of Frank Sinatra. The kids hated it so much, it almost put after school detention out of business.

Love in Christ

Katy :-)

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 15:32

LOL... yea, that would make me change my ways!

Krispy

Re: How do you conquer Non christian music in a heathen enviroment?, on: 2007/11/30 19:10

Quote:

-----but how do you set your mind on things above when working in a place like that.

You simply ask the LORD to get them to turn it down or turn it off. The LORD places us in these situations so that we can turn to Him for help and be a testimony. Whatever you do, don't tell them your a Christian and you don't like that kind of music. Just let the LORD shine through you and He'll give you a song to rise above the clamour. Let the LORD build your faith by asking Him for these needs to be met in your workplace. Again, these challenges are there for us to run to Him

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m for help.

God Bless

Re:, on: 2007/11/30 19:20

Quote:
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how?", that’s not Christian!

Actually Dottie Rambo wrote lyrics to the music of Danny Boy., "He looked beyond my faults"

The song goes like this:

Quote:
-----Amazing Grace, shall always be my song of praise. For it was grace that brought me liberty. I do not know, just why He came to lov
e me so. He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

Chorus: I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary, To view the cross, where Jesus died for me. How marvelous, His grace that caught my falling soul.
He Looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

Krispy regarding Opera, I love it. Not all of it, but only the ones that have a great voice and a melody. Some of it gets me weeping.....I know what a sap, right?! ;-)

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/11/30 22:49

What happens is that I listen to my bible and am blessed in the morning before I go to work and then polluted by the mu sic there.

Tit 1:15 - Show Context

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and c onscience are defiled.

This is the verse that I want to obey. I sometimes try and sing to get my mind on Jesus sometimes I am too busy to think about it.

I want to walk into a place like that and let the light of Jesus in me affect it rather than it affect me

Re:, on: 2007/12/2 16:44

Quote:
-----Actually Dottie Rambo wrote lyrics to the music of Danny Boy., "He looked beyond my faults"

Compliments, I love the words to this verson, and really love the song. The first time I heard it as a kid, was only a piano version during communion without words. I thought they were playing the theme song to the Danny Thomas Show.

Once I heard the words, Oh My, it is the Song of my heart!!!

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Re:, on: 2007/12/2 16:53

Quote:

-----I want to walk into a place like that and let the light of Jesus in me affect it rather than it affect me

It takes a renewed mind and that takes the rest of our lives. In the meantime, we just surrender our ears and eyes and mind to the Lord.

We witness in a filthy world of sin and sinners, and need to remember Jesus did too. He spent long quiet times with God, and too needed time away from all the stuff going on.

We're perfected in Love, and brought to a place of maturity where we can go to the lost, in a lost and sinful world, and let the Light of the Love of Christ shine through us in spite of the surroundings.

The lost see that love in the absence of judgementalism.

Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Re: How do you conquer Non christian music in a heathen enviroment? - posted by BenBrockway, on: 2007/12/2 17:21

Delta, I've worked in restraurants, where the music was cranked up and they would usually play just one station, which was pure secular hard rock, and while some on here would not necessarily consider this a solution, what I did was to call up the radio station and request songs from "Christian bands" that are playing very popularly in the secular market. So, instead of requesting Metallica, I would request 12 Stones, or P.O.D., or something like that. I figured, if I had to listen to hard rock all of the time, I might as well request some more positive messages to be played, as well.

On the other hand, times got so busy during work that I would end up just drowning out the music, and concentrate on the task at hand. I've even spent time praying while working. Sometimes, I would pray for the employees, and sometimes I would even pray for the band members of the music that was currently playing.

Just some thoughts from me. :-D

Re: - posted by BenBrockway, on: 2007/12/2 17:44

Another thought pertaining to some of the other posts...

While I do agree that much of our (Christian) music can't be distinguishable from secular music (outside of some of the more obvious differences, such as the band members personal relationship with Christ, many of their attitudes not being filled with anger and rage like much of secular, and much of the music being more positive than negative...), we must remember that God didn't give us a law of music. God didn't say, "Oh, Moses, here are also 10 commandments for how you and the rest of the future generations MUST play music."

Now, obviously we have some standards that we can draw from the O.T. and N.T. such as some of the more obvious (love thy neighbor as thyself, no sexual immorality, debauchery, stealing, and so on and so on), so you obviously want uplifting and positive songs. If the Bible says no sexual immorality, well, then the songs should not be lyrically lustful, if we are to love our neighbors, well, then we shouldn't talk about hurting them, or criticizing them, and so forth.

Now, obviously Scripture is very plain, and very clear on singing new songs to the Lord, and playing them with loud clanging symbols, tambourins, harps, lyres, dancing, and so on. I think a lot of it just has to do with how the music is represented. Does the music, and do the artists behind the music promote Christ in how they live, breathe, worship, and talk?

Ok, I'm done.. lol

Another thing to think about when it comes to Christian and secular music sounding much alike... remember as you argue

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e, think upon, or perhaps judge someone, remember that many a number of popular hymns were written to the notes and music of bar songs... and still to this day are sung with that same music that was produced and played in the bar... ;-)

Just something to think about!

God bless.

Re: - posted by poet (), on: 2007/12/2 17:46

personally, I would buy an ipod and down load a bunch of sermons and listen to them. and other worship type of music, hymn's.

With it playing in your ears even not very loud

when your trying to listen to something playing on your own earphones or plugs, other stuff will be drowned out.

Where I work we have a rule, not written but just courtesy, who ever is in the lunch room first gets to pick the station on the radio until that person leaves the lunch room...

So I get to pick the station quite often,, but when I cant, I still just read my bible and I done really notice whats playing on the radio, usually when your concentrating on something you dont hear stuff around you...

God bless and hope it helps.

Re: - posted by BenBrockway, on: 2007/12/2 17:52

Excellent points poet. BTW where is longview in comparison to Whidbey Island (It's where I grew up during my younger years as a child)?