

# (Clip) When Darkness Entertains You

by Shane Idleman

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*Shane Idleman emphasizes the dangers of allowing dark influences into our lives through entertainment and the importance of spiritual discernment.*

**Duration:** 7:16

**Scripture:** Proverbs 4:23, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Ephesians 6:12, Philippians 4:8

**Topics:** "Spiritual Warfare", "Discernment"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the dangers of allowing demonic influences into our lives through entertainment, music, and media, highlighting the impact on mental health, spiritual well-being, and the need to guard our hearts and minds against darkness. It calls for discernment in what we consume, urging believers to denounce darkness, fight against evil influences, and stay true to a narrow path of following Christ wholeheartedly.

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## Transcript

We're trying to remind ourselves that the demons who took you away from us were always part of the deal. This isn't a statement. A statement his band made.

The demons were always part of the deal? After all, it was the way you sang about those demons that made everyone fall in love with you in the first place. You fearlessly put them on display. You don't think that's why there's a spirit of suicide in our young adults? You don't think that's why there's cutting and drug abuse? Because he made a deal with the devil.

That's possible. If you've talked to people coming out of the satanic church or anything, they'll tell you there's a point in their life where the demonic realm was so strong, the darkness was so strong, they had power and authority, the fake kind, right? Maybe some type of...could read into mind something, but they said, Satan, I'm yours. I make a pact with the devil.

And then Satan can elevate you. He might know some people in Hollywood. He might get you that record deal, you know? And he can just...I mean, who puts a statement like this out? We try to remind ourselves that demons who took you away from us were always part of the deal.

And I talk to people who listen to this stuff, listen to this music. I know Christians who are listening to this hard, gothic, demonic music, and they're finding enjoyment in that. If you find enjoyment in that,

something's wrong with your heart.

That should not entertain. You should not enjoy that. I mean, those change your thoughts.

I remember 30 years ago, I still remember Metallica, those lyrics, darkness imprisoning me, absolute horror. That's what I'm singing in my 20s. I can see that they're planting those thoughts.

That's how he enters. Wake up, folks. That's how he enters.

Well, too bad for young adults. No, too bad if you're older, too. That's still how he enters.

Entertainment and allowing these things in are basically you're giving approval. Hi, my name is Shane and I approve this ad. And just this week, God showed me so many scriptures, just reading through the Old Testament, too, as well.

And it really stuck out. I wrote it down yesterday, I believe. Like he told Hezekiah, do not listen to those men who are coming.

Elisha, do not listen. Do not listen. Do not listen.

Do not listen to those people who are trying to get you to go straight to the other gods. Do not listen to those Hittites, Perseids, Ammonites, all these ites that are trying to get you to follow. Do not listen.

Do not listen. See, that goes before do not do. Do not listen.

Woe be to the rebellious children who take counsel, but not of my spirit, who devise plans, but not of my spirit. Do not listen. See, it opens right here.

Now, there's a difference, because I will read books that, like, from different religions, and things to try to get, you know, learn better for apologetics. But the mind's not open to what they're serving. It's open to what God's Word says and showing the inconsistencies.

And you can't just watch an R-rated movie and say, I'm just trying to watch it just to see. I don't know. See if it's good for my kids.

Five minutes into it, you already know it's not. And when it says R right there, that's just a good thing right there. Well, what about the Passion of the Christ? No, you got me on that one, I guess.

But, just, and I just went online. What is trending on Netflix? All these, what is trending? Okay, I want to see what's trending. Saw.

This movie, Saw. There's a head inside of a scale. They weigh something.

The Dead Zone. Jigsaw. Happy Death Day.

The Evil Within. Resident Evil. The Snare.

Seven Witches. That's trending. In a society that is a so-called Christian society, with millions attending church.

I'll tell you what, it's not just unbelievers putting that on the trending list. Come on, church, wake up! Where's the Christian who is fully surrendered to God, full of the Holy Spirit, who wants to denounce these

things, who wants to fight the darkness, not embrace it? Where are they at? Because that's what a true follower of Christ is. I'm not getting legalistic, I'm getting narrow.

The narrow road. And I didn't even get into the, I didn't even get into the, I just picked the horror films. You should see the sexual perversion ones.

It's just amazing. Now, conviction comes in. It's a wonderful thing.

This might be what, I mean, without fail, without fail, when I talk to people about suicide, or severe anxiety, or fear, or whatever it is, and I say, tell me about your mental diet. The mental diet. What's it got to do with anything? The mental diet.

What you're allowing in. If a physical diet changes this, right? A mental diet changes this. I mean, I know, I do silly things.

I don't even know why I did it. I went on Facebook, and I liked a Antelope Valley scanner report. Why'd I do that? I go, let's go on like that.

I don't need to know every single crime, and every single car crash, and every single robbery, and every single shooting, and it's like, what am I doing? Did that build me up spiritually? Now I'm ready to come and preach. Now I'm like, come on family, let's get out of here. But we allow, because see, here's the battle.

Here's the battle. The weapons of your warfare are not carnal. You're not going to fight the devil with something like this.

Pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, you bring that thought into captivity. You stop it here before it gets to here.

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