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Encouraging Christians to guard their hearts

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The Bible makes it clear that government is ordained by God (Romans 13) and it is He who removes and raises up our nation's leaders (Daniel 2:21) – using them as instruments to either bless

or chastise His people. Scripture also exhorts us to pray for those leaders.

So here we are at this juncture in time. We know that we live in an imperfect world and are very imperfect ourselves. God has told us that this world is not our home; we're just passing through. He uses the trials and tribulations of this life to perfect us – make us more and more like Him, our Heavenly Father.

Nonetheless until that day we are called to be "his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." [Ephesians 2:10]

Those good works are greatly needed today. We can't sit back and think an election will relieve our nation's woes. We must still stand and fight and serve. We, God's people, are called to feed the hungry, tend the needy, aid the oppressed. We are called to oppose all forms of evil, fight for justice, and be salt and light – in our communities, our culture, and in our government. That

includes being involved in the political process, holding our leaders accountable, and praying for them and for our nation.

[This prayer by Thomas Jefferson is needed today:](#)

Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. ...

Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

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I just wanted to thank you for writing the article on *Glee*. I'm a Christian and I've been watching that show since it debuted last year. However, for quite awhile now I've been praying about if I should continue to watch it or not ... After reading your excellent article, I felt confirmation that the Lord was indeed telling me to stop watching it. I then felt led to send out an email to all my friends regard-

ing *Glee*. I've received only positive responses. I have a 16-yr old Christian son who also loves *Glee*. I had a talk with him regarding God dealing with my heart ... and told him that I was going to obey God and no longer watch it. ... I tried to explain that by watching it, he's "supporting" it, but he's not convicted about it as I am. ... I just wanted to bring your attention to that side of it, too - that our Christian teens are being sucked into it, and they're not as sensitive to the Holy Spirit yet in their young Christian walks.

Thank you again for encouraging us Christians to "fight the good fight" and not lose hope or give up. I appreciate all the great work you're doing!

And here is this mother's email sent to friends:

I don't know about you, but I loved *Glee* in the beginning because of my singing background. I was hopeful that this new variety/character-driven series would stand out from the rest and be a safe, clean show for families. However, the producers have increasingly gone over the edge regarding homosexuality, sex, suggestive songs/dances, etc. with every

new episode, especially in this second season. I wrote to Fox and creator Ryan Murphy and asked them to do something about cleaning up the show, but obviously nothing has been done. I gave it one more chance last week but, again, I was appalled and saddened at the content.

So now I choose to take a stand and obey God by NOT WATCHING THIS SHOW ANYMORE. I hope you'll join me. I have to admit that it was a hard decision because *Glee* really appeals to me, so I kept telling myself, "Well, maybe it won't be so bad next week." I realized how easy it is to get caught up in the excitement of a ... series like this, but God is teaching me more and more that we Christians (at the risk of being labeled "prudes") need to be ever mindful of what we allow to permeate our hearts and minds, and we should especially protect our kids. The media these days seeks to undermine our morals and get us so used to seeing homosexuality, polygamy, profanity and immorality as supposedly "normal" in day-to-day life and families that we become desensitized to it. And - sad to say - it's working - the devil is wearing us down.

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