

Combating anti-Christian influence in the church.

My goal, in writing this is to give a better understanding of how we can combat the different social influences effecting our churches. This is important so the church can regain its rightful place as the major influence in society, family, and work places. If we examine these three areas in our life, I think we will find that there are other mediums which influence us, one of these is mass media.

Mass Media can no longer be looked upon as just a system designed to entertain us, but must be considered as a social institution. A social institution that has replaced the church as the means in which society forms its virtues. This change is problematic because media was never intended to serve as a social institution. Mass Media's primary objective is to make money and entertain causing films, television programs, and websites to produce content based on the size of the audience they can gather, instead of presenting truths that are fundamental to a society's virtue. This makes the public's reliance on social media a dangerous thing, and it puts media at odds with the Church.

Church is the traditional means in which a society gains its virtues. Church virtues can be considered better than mass media because they are not based on monetary gain. This means that the message of churches has a bias for truth and not money. Church also furnishes a better set of role models than that of mass media. Church role models are people in the church that present to us the image of Christ. Role models in our society are largely based on what mass media presents to us. Role models become ingrained into our society and the society becomes the image of that model.

For a church to combat mass media influences, it must provide three essential things. One, church must offer a buffer from society. The atmosphere in a church should provide us with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Second, the church must offer a safe haven to exchange ideas. The truth of the word of God is never stagnant and preaching should never become stagnant either. Third, the church must control deviant behavior of its members. The actions of its members must be in accordance to the Word of God.

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