

Thinking Through Music: Is Eminem Right?

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What is your groups reaction to this statement: "It's not my job to stop kids (from) doing the wrong thing, it's their parent's job."

We _____ to these artists because most of us have felt _____ before.

The Main Themes of these artists and Rap:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The question is: _____?

Don't worry it has plenty to say about it.

I think one of the best passages in all the Bible that concerns listening to rap and its music can be found in _____.

Here we have a contrast between the _____ and the _____ acts of people.

Light

- 1.
- 2.

Dark

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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This all comes down to a _____ issue.

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1)Some of the most influential artist. 2)Provide some of the worst lyrics out there. 3)All have come from homes that cause them to feel abandoned. 4)Have the most heartbreaking lyrics found.

What is your groups reaction to this statement: "It's not my job to stop kids (from) doing the wrong thing, it's their parent's job." **This statement was made by Snoop Doggy Dog**

We listen to these artists because most of us have felt abandoned before.

The Main Themes of these artists and Rap:

1.Sex anytime you want with whoever you want is okay and desired.

2.Violence is the answer to all of life's problems.

3.Drug use is glamorized and portrayed as the normal acceptable thing to do.

4.Disrespect of parents, adults, and any person in authority.

The question is: Does the Bible say anything about Rap?

Don't worry it has plenty to say about it.

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found in Romans 13.8-14.

Here we have a contrast between the light acts and the dark acts of people.

Light

1.Decent behavior

2.clothe ourselves with Christ

Dark

1.orgies and drunkenness

2. sexual immorality and debauchery

3.dissensions and jealousy

4. things that gratify self

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-Matthew 15. 17-20

-Matthew 23.25-26

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The Question isn't: Can I listen to this?

The Question is: Should I listen to this?