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Dear Dr. Bulkley and staff:

I had the opportunity to hear you program on KVCF (90.5) Freeman, South Dakota on Friday April 7, 2005. I am responding to the comments made regarding the relatively new television program called "Desperate Housewives". The comments made were at best the product of individuals who have not taken the time to **carefully listen** to the program and the message it sends. When a program like this gets the magnitude of response that it has one has to ask "why"? The synopsis of the program as outlined by one of your other listeners seemed quite accurate. The statements saying that this is not a "Biblical" program are also correct..... then **why is such a program so popular?**

Of course I haven't listened carefully to this wicked program!

Maybe because of it's emphasis on sex?

Unfortunately the program **has hit the life styles of many woman** directly at their core. **They are not happy**, they are **not fulfilled** and certainly are not leading the lives of the **Proverbs 31 woman**. **Most of their spouses are absent, ineffective or given to some type of perverse sex, or other deviant behavior.** They have no male in their life so it can be said "her husband has full confidence in her." They have **no supportive partner**, no help raising the kids, **no one to confide in** regarding their day to day struggles, some have no help with financial support. **This program has pierced the hurting hearts of these woman, it provides them an outlet for their emotions and a feeling that they are not alone.**

Most?

What outlet did the program provide except to view someone else's misery?

A few years back **another movie struck a cord with women** in the same sense. The movie was the "**Bridges of Madison County**". The story was of **an immigrant woman** who met and **married a Midwestern farmer**. She devoted her life to helping him, bearing his children, caring for his home and doing all the "right" things a wife is to do. She had a love of travel, the opera and in essence was an intercontinental woman. She met a photographer who was passing through and they **had a brief relationship while her spouse and kids were at the state fair.** She chose not to leave with the photographer because she truly loved her spouse but he, **the photographer, had also pierced the core of her heart.** He shared with her her love of travel, the opera etc. **He challenged her intellectually and added to her life.**

So, we're supposed to accept "Desperate Housewives" because of another sinful movie?

No the relationship they had was not "right" and was not in keeping with the Biblical teachings, however **one needs to hear the message that there are many woman who are not happy about their lives.**

Of course there are many unhappy women! 2 Timothy 3:6,7. The answer isn't more TV!

To my knowledge no movies have been made that pierce the emptiness of the male heart but I would venture they are just as lonely. It is not enough to connect over how the kids are disciplined, how the car repairs will get done or the latest news and information from the office or how the monthly bills will be paid.

So what?

We need to connect with our dreams, our hopes, our loves, and our purpose for living.

No, what we need is repentance, salvation sanctification. Our need is to glorify the Lord, not satisfy ourselves.

Rick Warrens book, the "Purpose Driven Life" starts to touch on this. If our life is guided by Christ, lead by the Lord and is following His will and His pattern we will more likely be able to achieve this closeness in our relationships.

Don't condemn these struggling woman, so far the television media has come closer to meeting their needs than the church has.....maybe that's why there are more people at home in front of the TV these days rather than at church.

Will TV get these struggling women into Heaven?

I felt your comments were legalistic, short sighted and uncaring.....and attitude that will drive people away not draw them in.



Thank you for your time.

What's legalistic about sharing my opinion about righteousness?

Sincerely yours,

The most caring thing anyone could possibly do for these "struggling women" is to lead them to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to help them learn God's plan for a godly home and marriage. To leave them in their misery, watching "Desperate Housewives" is short sighted and uncaring!