

# LEARN TO DISCERN

## Critically Evaluating the Films We Watch

**Pray for wisdom** (James 1:5) **and discernment** (Proverbs 3:21)

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.”* Romans 12:2

1. Who is the hero/heroine? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What kind of role model/example is the hero/heroine? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Who is the villain? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of message does the character of the villain portray? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What is the basic message of the film? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is the premise that drives the script? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What worldviews or values are being promoted? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How true is the film to history or reality?  
(What books would provide the truth, or the rest of the story, on this event?)  
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9. Does good triumph over evil? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is God honoured in the film? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. How does the film treat Christians, the Church and the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. How much offensive material, bad language, or unacceptable material, is in the film?

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13. How are conflicts resolved in the film? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. How is love portrayed? Does the film respect marriage, the family and parental authority?

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15. Would you be embarrassed to sit through this film with your parents/your children/or the Lord Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What would you have done differently if you were the main character in the story?

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17. How would you rate the film?

<b>Quality:</b>	*	*	*	*	*			
	Bad	poor	good	outstanding	excellent			
<b>Acceptability:</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+4</b>
	evil	abhorrent	bad	caution	worthwhile	good	moral	exemplary

*“Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil...” 1 Kings 3:9*

*“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.” Philippians 4:8*



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