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The Christian home's biblical foundations are being undermined by a Trojan horse! It started as a guest of the home - exciting to have and stayed long enough to be adopted and accepted into the family unit. It's adoption has brought a host of side effects. Each day this member weaves it's way into the family's mind.

This traitor is television! At a time when the home struggles with relationships, the TV is being tuned in as a substitute companion. Families in the past spent time talking, developing conversation skills, laughing, playing games, reading and listening to the radio. Now they are hypnotically drawn to programming that conflicts with the Christian life-style commanded in the Bible.

A Christian is responsible to God for what he allows to enter his mind. As Christians, we need to have a mature response concerning how we spend our time and use our bodies.

Children, on the other hand, need parental control. They need to develop relationships with others, with their world and with the Lord Jesus. It is the responsibility of the parents to correctly train their children. Television competes with this process of natural instruction. While children are watching, they are not being trained by their parents.

Many children are showing a decline in recallable memory and the ability to learn. Children who watch television are slower to react in an emergency because they have been trained not to react but to receive. Childhood is valuable and should not be wasted in empty hours that could be filled with meaningful family activities and learning about God.

The whole family is being undermined by television. Interaction and relationship are being pushed aside as parents and children sit in front of a box. It regulates lives. Mental clocks are set by it, and dinner is planned around it.

Certain prime shows on different nights remind the viewer of the day of the week. After several hours of prime-time watching, the signal is then sent up to the brain that it is time for bed. Every day and night this scene is repeated with the TV becoming clock and calendar. In time, one no longer chooses to watch - it becomes a compelling bad habit.

There was a time in our society when the home played a number of important roles. ...Crafts filled the evening hours for families, with creativity blossoming in projects. Dad and the boys would make things in the shop, and Mom and the girls would bake and sew. Parents took an active part in helping with children's learning and homework. Devotions were a regular habit. The Bible was discussed. Reading was important, and sharing viewpoints of what was being read stimulated minds.

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