

## Scene-It: Worldview Edition

### Making a good decision!

1. First **analyze your motives** regarding a particular movie. Why am I interested in this movie? Everyone has seen it? I like the actors? It has some “forbidden” elements? Is my “Christian” perspective on this movie: “What’s wrong with it?” or “What is right with it?” What does this have to do with my need for Christ? Or how I live as a Christian?

2. Second, **how does the movie stack up against Scriptural guidelines:**

- Philippians 4:8? Emphasis positive or negative?
- Proverbs 23:7 KJV; Proverbs 4:23;
- 1 Corinthians 15:33;
- Matthew 6:22-23.

3. Finally **apply a decision process**. Don’t bow to feeling or peer pressure. The decision process:

- Does it **appear** to pass the Scriptural guidelines? If no, quit, if yes or “I don’t know?”
- What is its rating? Could you buy a ticket for this movie at the theater? Consider Matthew 5:46-48, If no, quit, else:
- Check it out on a Christian web site such as [www.pluggedinonline.com](http://www.pluggedinonline.com). Does it get trashed? If yes, quit, if no:
- Have your parents research it by:
  - Finding and viewing the trailer and official movie website online
  - Reading Christian reviews
  - Researching the author of the book from which it is adapted or looking at other movies made by the same director.
  - Don’t wait to see if your parents simply “don’t object” but seek their explicit approval!
  - If parents say no, then **quit and submit** – be careful not to grumble.
- If you have approval to watch something after walking through these steps and while watching the movie, you begin to identify not just bad worldviews – but if it contains “brain-staining material” i.e. immodesty, excessive violence or wickedness, or fearful images – then don’t be afraid to walk out. So what if you wasted a few bucks – it beats staining your brain.
- Debrief with parents after the movie – ask questions about issues the movie may have raised regarding relationships, fear, hope, loyalty, truthfulness, justified actions, etc.