

## **Locking Out Temptation And Satanic Oppression - Pastor Mike Callis** *2 Corinthians 10:3-6*

Most people would say that last night they slept with all the entry doors and windows locked. Why would they do such a thing?

Could it be that they were taking precaution against an unwanted intruder?  
Could it be that they were seeking to protect and to hang on to what they have?

In ancient times, a city would lock the gates to prevent an invasion by the enemy. They would also be diligent in patrolling the whole city to ensure no one was scaling the walls or using trickery to enter the city.

Most of our thoughts are triggered by outside influences. Through our eye and ear gate, we allow sights and sounds into our mind. Allowing those external influences to mix with our already present carnal weaknesses, creates an atmosphere ripe for temptation.

Many claim that they are immune to these influences. The bible says that a person should not consider themselves incapable of being polluted or influenced. *Romans 12:3; 1 Corinthians 10:12*

Should a Christian watch X-Rated movies? Why?

Could it cause impure thoughts, could it have an effect on your dreams, or could it open the door to more things displeasing to God?

If we are to present ourselves a living sacrifice not conformed to the world - we must learn to lock the gates against the enemy. *Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:17-24*

The bible talks abundantly about the devastating effects of idol worship, fornication, love of money, and drunkenness; but it also talks about the dangers of astrology, sorcery, and witchcraft. Yet we Christians believe we are immune to the works of darkness.

Those who make books and movies on witchcraft, vampires, and things of the dead are made rich today by born-again believers who are commanded to not partake in such things - the bible states that coming in contact with "*dead things*", makes a person unclean.

From Harry Potter to Twilight; from Blade to Lost Boys; from Hocus Pocus to Worst Witch; these books and movies only serve to desensitize us to the satanic control and influence in this world.

### **Here are some reviews from these satanic productions:**

*"Harry Potter is such a good role model for children that I'd recommend this movie to anyone."*  
Harry Potter leaves you with the idea that there is good and bad witches - This contradicts God

Hocus Pocus - *"A terrible slam on Witches, but delightfully funny in some sick way. If we can't laugh at ourselves then who can we laugh at?"* So we should not give witches a bad name? Satan is a deceiver.

*"I have heard Twilight described as "a vampire story for people who don't like vampire stories" and I think I would agree with that. This book really has something for everyone."* This book is targeted at women and teenage girls - would Jesus want us filling our minds with this?

**We must take a long look at the books, movies, music, and entertainment we fill our time with; and we must hold that up to the light of God's word - Are you leaving the door to your soul open to the devil? Read Acts 19:18-20; Romans 12:9, 21; Ephesians 4:27, 30 - What is your response?**