

Good or Godly? Why Not Both?

By Ron McGehee

We all know the story. God sees good man. God tells good man to build ark and put two of every animal in it, because a flood is coming. That individual is ...Evan? Yep. Evan Baxter the former newscaster turned congressman from the movie's prequel "Bruce Almighty."

This comedy starring Steve Carrell has some Christians shaking their heads and condemning the movie as a mockery of the Bible. Tom Shadyac, the director and a catholic, says, "It's more of a modern day parable."

People, why do we as Christians love to condemn things that deal with the Bible without giving it a chance. This movie isn't the most perfect "Christian" movie ever, but it does bring to light many truths that most people wouldn't take time to learn about on their own. God does have a plan and because he loves us we are able to be a part of it. The Hollywood studios expect a negative letter writing campaign scolding them there is *no way God could appear to a human being in all His Heavenly glory and the human still be alive*. It's a movie! Not real. Instead along with some constructive criticism, we should be telling them what we liked. *Taking out questionable language is good, and we like how God is truly omnipotent and always right*. Make sure you put the good stuff up front or they will throw the letters out with the rest of the "hate" they tend to get from such a loving group of people. Christians don't have such a great track record with Hollywood. In the beginning, Hollywoodland, as it was called, was a Christian community. When the movie business moved to the west coast, the Christians put up signs in their businesses saying, "No actors allowed." This doesn't seem to be how Jesus would have wanted us to interact with them and love them. If we had displayed this "Christianly" behavior then Hollywood would be a more moral and ethical place today. We need to accept, not enable people.

Christian entertainment has always been considerably behind secular entertainment quality. With technological advances we now are able to put out quality entertainment. We are seeing a lot of advances in Christian entertainment. But to reach a broad audience we need entertaining entertainment. "Christian" is still associated with "corny" and this is widely believed in the church. We need to support quality entertainment, because the bottom line with Hollywood is box office receipts. Hey Show me the Christian Funny and I'll Show you the Money.