

What & When: Brownies with a Difference

Many parents are hard pressed to explain to their youth why some music, movies, books and magazines are not acceptable material for them to bring into the home or to listen to or see.

One parent came up with an original idea that is hard to refute. The father listened to all the reasons his children gave for wanting to see a particular PG-13 movie. It had their favorite actors. Everyone else was seeing it. Even church members said it was great. It was only rated PG-13 because of the suggestions of sex; they never really showed it. The language was pretty good; the Lord's name was only used in vain three times in the whole movie.

However, even with all the justifications the teens made for the 13 rating, the father still wouldn't give in. He didn't even give his children a satisfactory explanation for saying, 'No.' He just said, 'No!'

A little later on that evening that father asked his teens if they would like some brownies he had baked. He explained that he'd taken the family's favorite recipe and added a little something new. The children asked what it was.

The father calmly replied he had added dog poop. However, he quickly assured them, it was only a little bit. All other ingredients were the same. He was sure the brownies would be superb.

Even with their father's promise that the brownies were of almost perfect quality, the teens would not take any. The father acted surprised. After all, it was only one small part that was causing them to be so stubborn. He was certain that they would hardly notice it. Still the teens held firm and would not try the brownies.

The father then told his children how the movie they wanted to see was just like the brownies. Our minds are used to believing that just a little bit of evil won't matter. But, the truth is, even a little bit of poop makes the difference between a great treat and something disgusting and totally unacceptable.

The father went on to explain that even though the movie industry would have us believe that most of today's movies are acceptable for adults and youth, they are not.