



Historically, there hasn't been a society, until the last 100 years, where we have had nonstop music throughout the day, every day. Music is an important part of man and is a blessing. I, this writer, play a drum. Though music is important, music has its place.

Uncommon Courtesy

There was a time people would make sure those around had no objections to the radio being turned on in mixed company. You see, some music is like cigarette smoke to others who don't smoke. It harms their health and makes life a torment. Now, more people have been made aware that those who smoke do not have the right to compel all around them to partake of their cigarette smoke. This same principal goes for music.

It's common for people who haven't developed a taste for harsh and lyrically vile music to be forced to work with such all workday, every workday. Many bosses have a taste for that kind of music, so they won't make requirements providing for a reasonable work environment for all workers. The problem has reached intolerable levels of abuse that need to be approached, as such, now.

Common Rights

Not everyone likes the same music. What passes as music for some, throws others into serious depression. What some listen to contains lyrics or messages that should be banned in public usage. They are offensive to many people.

There are stations playing sermons all day. I may choose to listen to that kind of station,

and be uplifted by it. I realize though that I don't have the right to compel other workers to listen. (Working for a religious organization would pose an obvious exception.) Just as it would be unreasonable, and unethical to compel others to listen against their will, so it is unethical to do such in playing non-stop music. For those who like moral messages, the preachers who sing the vilest lyrics are totally unacceptable. To compel them to listen to sermons promoting filth is no different to compelling others to listen to sermons promoting godliness. The musical sermons might even be more powerful. The same short messages are repeated constantly, and with a melody or beat to carry the message.

The Spirit of the Music

A well composed song carries the same spirit in the lyrics as are carried in the music. The music carries it on an emotional level. For instance, a good march would be all wrong with love song lyrics to it. A song whose lyrics were promoting revolution would be all wrong with music like "Old McDonald Has A Farm" is sung to. We need to be aware that music that fits well with the lyrics, such as Pink Floyd's - "Leave Us Kids Alone", still have the same spirit if just the music is played, minus the words. That same destructive spirit of the song is carried to the burden of those who detest the ungodliness. Which means that even if the listener can't make out the words, he is still being assaulted by the music alone.

Like I said earlier, I play a drum. I believe there's a place for upbeat music, but not all types, and certainly not constantly. It's much like food. There is a place of need for grains, but it cannot replace our need for meat, veg-

etables and fruit. I am speaking of music that is of good report all across the spectrum in styles and lyrics.

A Drug to Keep Going?

Now consider the cry of those who fight vehemently to keep their choice in music on, regardless of others. What's their problem? They say it helps them make it through the day. Consider the person who can't stand their choice, what does it do to that person? Doesn't that which helps the one, equally tear down the other? They demand to build themselves up, claiming they have to have it, at the cost of another. They can't make it without the uplift, so are willing to tear another down. Does this not spell "addiction"? A kind of drug stimulant to make it through the day? Should one man's drug addiction be catered to at the expense of those who operate in the historical norm with peace.

Addictions usually take on the form of increasing in greater levels. Take alcohol as an example. He who drinks beer all the time can down more than his physical match who has never had a drink in his life. Would any reasonable person feel the freedom to force the non-

