

HOLLYWOOD

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things." - Philippians 4:8

What is the main goal of Hollywood: Entertainment, Money, Influence, Creating art, other?

What are the messages that come out of Hollywood?

Beauty – must have it, buy it, surgery
Money – the more the better, spend it on your pleasures
Power – gain it and use it
“Love” – usually sex based, lust, selfish
Sex – who, when, where, how often
Alcohol/Drugs – in public: show moderation; in private: go for it.
Influence - control your destiny, control others
Pride – almost a requirement
Excitement – never be bored
Fame - major goal
Arrogance – seems to come with fame
Facades – sincerity is the toughest thing to fake
Marketing – at some point, it's all about the money
Profanity – helps make it common place and almost acceptable
Violence – glorifies it
Supernatural/Mystical – the unknown is interesting
Servant mentality – rare
Clothing – influence trends
Causes: usually liberal, left-wing

Movie	Date Released	Domestic Gross
1 Titanic	12/19/1997	\$600.79 m
2 Star Wars	05/25/1977	\$461.00 m
3 E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial	06/11/1982	\$434.97 m
4 The Phantom Menace	05/19/1999	\$431.09 m
5 Spider-Man	05/03/2002	\$405.85 m
6 Jurassic Park	06/11/1993	\$357.07 m
7 LOTR: The Two Towers	12/18/2002	\$339.23 m
8 Forrest Gump	07/06/1994	\$329.69 m
9 The Lion King	06/24/1994	\$328.46 m
10 Harry Potter	11/16/2001	\$317.58 m
11 LOTR:Fellowship of the Ring	12/19/2001	\$313.36 m
12 Attack of the Clones	05/16/2002	\$310.68 m
13 Return of the Jedi	05/25/1983	\$309.15 m
14 Independence Day	07/03/1996	\$306.17 m
15 The Sixth Sense	08/06/1999	\$293.51 m
16 The Empire Strikes Back	05/21/1980	\$290.27 m
17 Home Alone	11/16/1990	\$285.76 m
18 Shrek	05/18/2001	\$267.65 m
19 Harry Potter 2	11/15/2002	\$261.97 m
20 The Grinch	11/17/2000	\$260.03 m

<http://www.boxofficereport.com> (through 2002)

Does Hollywood make movies that reflect society or do Hollywood films influence society?

Should we be concerned about the content of movies or are they “just movies?”

Does Hollywood have a religion? If so, what is it?

For the top grossing films, are there any similarities or themes?

Most films are released internationally. What are we exporting?

Make a list of films that have a distinctly positive Christian message or character(s).

What does the Bible have to say about righteous living?

1 Peter 5⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

1 Peter 4³For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

1 Peter 3³Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--⁴rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

1 Peter 1¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;¹⁴as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;¹⁵but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Are Christians negatively influenced by movies?

Proverbs 22⁶Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 6⁴And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Matthew 18⁶ "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.