America since 1932. Pornography majors in depictions of sexual aggression against women. Studies have shown that pornography is a leading cause of rape in America. Many grocery stores and drug stores refuse to sell pornography. **Shopping in which stores would constitute better stewardship?**

4. **Keep informed on current legislation** affecting your community, state and nation. Write your congressmen concerning proposed legislation which you favor or oppose.

5. **Become actively involved in local community affairs, politics and legal battles** for community standards. Change must start at the local level.

6. **Vote.**

7. **Know what your children are being taught in school.** Check textbooks. Values Clarification courses in many schools teach children to question their religious beliefs, as well as the teachings of their parents. Humanism is the basis for the "moral" education in the Values Clarification system.

8. **Make sure your children are being taught Christian truth at home.** Church is not enough. Children must be taught that Christian values apply to **all** of life. They need constant instruction in order to be able to overcome humanistic influences all around them. Especially critical these days is Christian instruction on human sexuality.

9. **Face the issues with faithful optimism.** We have God's promise that, "all things work together for good, to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) Christians are to be optimistic in the battle, knowing that God is working through us for the good of the church. Christians must once again become involved in every arena of public life: politics, law, medicine, higher education, science, the media, and the arts. How else can we fulfill our purpose of being the "salt of the earth?"

THINKING IT THROUGH
POWER OF A FAITHFUL FEW

One Christmas Mattel put Skeletor, a Masters of the Universe toy warrior, on the market. The card which came with the toy read, "When you put on your Skeletor helmet and armored belt you become transformed into an agent of evil. Use your power sword and shield to combat good. With your mystical ram's head scepter you will be able to call forth the denizens of darkness to help conquer the forces of good." The American Family Association contacted Mattell to register disapproval and call for the removal of the card from the children's toy. AFA was told that due to complaints the card had already been removed. When asked how many complaints had been received, a Mattel representative said, "A total of five."

Quite often an individual expresses the opinion that he can't do anything to improve the moral climate in his community because he is only one person. The following letter, from a young lady in Lovely, Kentucky, shows what can happen when one woman decides she ***must*** *do something.*

"I'm so excited I can hardly write this letter. I just 10 minutes ago got off the phone from speaking with a local business leader. This is the story.

A year ago the Save-Rite Pharmacy opened in our local mall. As the stock began to build, I noticed adult magazines were added to the inventory. For months I seethed inside but took no action. Finally, with the encouraging reports from AFA, I wrote a letter, in love and sincerity, explaining my feelings and informing the store that I would withdraw business and petition my church to do the same.

"Before I had a chance to tell anyone, the very next morning after mailing the letter, the manager called me and said 'Let's talk.' I was amazed! He promised me that very day the books would be removed!" She continues: "The sad thing is, after one whole year, I was the only complaint. Had I, or someone else spoken up sooner, these offensive magazines would have been gone a long time ago. Thank you for your organization. I am prouder than ever to be a member. Thelma."

Rev. Martin Neimoeller's words concerning the Nazis come to mind. "In Germany they came first for the communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. They they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionists. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up."

Our silence helped create the moral mess in our country. You are one person, but you will remain a part of the problem as long as you remain silent.

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