

Clips

- From *"Good night and good luck"*, closing lines of the film
- From *"West Wing, series 2, episode 4"*, where President Bartlett demolishes the shallow biblical literalism of a chat show host

Introduction

- TV and other media has a huge influence on our lives
 - take a moment to reflect on what you have watched in the past week
 - cinema, TV - films, news, casual programmes, stuff that's been on in the background, stuff that others in your household have been watching when you have come in/out of the room
- Easy to become critical - **don't watch!**
 - but biblical view of the way we interact with our world is more nuanced!
 - **in the world but not of it...**

Whatever is Noble

- *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)*

Noble

- having excellent moral character: possessing high ideals or excellent moral character

Right

- morally good, justified, or acceptable; true, correct as a fact

Pure

- not mixed or adulterated with any other substance or material; wholesome and untainted by immorality

Lovely

- exquisitely beautiful

Admirable

- arousing or deserving respect and approval

Excellent

- extremely good, outstanding

Praise-worthy

- deserving approval and admiration

- Does this characterise our TV watching?
 - what we watch?
 - the way we watch?

Ed Murrow quotes

- *Comment on public and TV - is he right?*
 - We have currently a built-in allergy to unpleasant or disturbing information. Our mass media reflect this. But unless we get up off our fat surpluses and recognize that television in the main is being used to distract, delude, amuse, and insulate us, then television and those who finance it, those who look at it, and those who work at it, may see a totally different picture too late.
- *List lines from "Good night and good luck"*
 - To those who say people wouldn't look; they wouldn't be interested; they're too complacent, indifferent and insulated, I can only reply: There is, in one reporter's opinion, considerable evidence against that contention. But even if they are right, what have they got to lose? Because if they are right, and this instrument is good for nothing but to entertain, amuse and insulate, then the tube is flickering now and we will soon see that the whole struggle is lost. This instrument can teach, it can illuminate; yes, and it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent

that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise it is merely wires and lights in a box. Good night, and good luck.