You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

## Dear Robert,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You wanted to know if Christians should give support to beauty contests by watching them. You noted that after your conversion the holy spirit of God has been showing you that worldly conducts are not in agreement with God's standards.

When a person asks Jesus to come into his heart he sacrifices his old self will to do the will of God in all matters of life. "I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8) The Christian's role model is Jesus, God's dear Son, who did his Father's will perfectly. As we become mature Christians, trusting our heavenly Father in all things, our faith deepens and motivates us to cultivate the elements of character that are pleasing to God. Therefore, our focus should be to separate ourselves as much as possible from the world with its evils and allurements.

Supporting beauty contests by watching them is nothing more than just another worldly diversion such as watching various sporting events. A diversion is only detrimental when it takes up too much or our time and energy. Then the diversion can become a form of idolatry as it replaces God as our first and foremost love. If you are wondering if supporting some worldly conduct or event is in agreement with God's high standards, ask yourself if the activity is diminishing your spirituality by lessening your communion with God. If it is, then, perhaps, that activity or diversion is not one for which you should be participating. All of us need to set boundaries for ourselves. Otherwise we are in peril of gradually drifting back into the sinful world from which we came. Since you feel you have been called, you should not take that call lightly. You are very special to the Lord. Therefore, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2)

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