

## The Death of Andy Griffith

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This past week we learned of the death of Andy Griffith, an actor and producer of the Andy Griffith Show which aired from 1960-1968. It is the end of an era whose time was lost on the American conscience long before Mr. Griffith passed away. Emily and I still love watching the show even though we know how every episode turns out. Every show had a moral to it. There were no curse words used or needed. In fact, in the sleepy little town of Mayberry cursing would have been completely out of place. Everybody attended church on Sunday, wearing their Sunday best. Children were still naive and the adults did their best to protect them. Every episode is safe for children to watch.

Contrast that with the television fare of today:

**Family Guy:** "Sick, twisted, politically incorrect and ... sweet. The animated series features the adventures of the Griffin family. Peter and Lois have three kids - the youngest is a brilliant, sadistic baby bent on killing his mother and world domination. Chris, like his father, is obese, has a low IQ and no common sense. Meg desperately tries to be part of the popular crowd, and is coldly rebuffed..." (Summary on TV.com).

**The Simpsons:** A weird family composed of a moronic father, Homer, his wife, Marge, and their children Lisa, Bart and Maggie. It is quirkie and irreverent, a reflection of the society today that grew up watching it.

**South Park:** "South Park is a show about four boys; Eric Cartman, Stan Marsh, Kyle Broflovski, and Kenny McCormick. These four little fourth graders live in one messed up town..." (Summary on TV.com).

The list can go on and on. No wonder parents looking for good, clean, respectful TV still turn to the Andy Griffith Show. It is a welcomed relief to the lewd, vulgar, disgusting fare that is destroying our country! Predictably, things will get even worse as our country's worst liberals continue to control New York & Hollywood. Hopefully, Christians will wake up before it's too late! Romans 13:11-14.

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