

PARENT/STUDENT BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW GUIDE

12th Grade Conversation

OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your teen on the worldview of materialism and how it can distract us from God. What does it mean to have enough? While going out for Black Friday have this conversation with your teen.

THE 411

Our teens are hearing from many different voices and influences in their lives. They are being influenced by the movies they watch, the friends they hang around with, the teachers at school and most importantly us. Each one of these influences has a different worldview that is being impressed on our teens. They are making choices and decisions that stem from a worldview they are developing right now.

A worldview is the sum of all our underlying beliefs about life from which we make choices and act. It is the way we see the world through a belief system. Everyone has a worldview.

Your goal as a parent is to help your teen develop a biblical worldview. However, for many teens this is a time of doubt and questions, which is great. That is how we form our faith. This should also be a time when we help shape their understanding of God's Word – that God's Word is relevant and inspired from God. It is our instruction manual for life, and it is the guide for us in how we live and model Christ.

SUGGESTION

Head to the mall or any busy big box store. While you are in the car, you will have ample opportunity to talk about how crowded the stores are, the traffic, the people and how focused they are to make their purchases. This will lead to a great conversation about the worldview of materialism. Have a Bible with you in the car so that your teen can read the verses.

DISCUSSION

While you are in the car, make sure you bring out these discussion points in your conversation. The point is to not feel bad about shopping but to point out the worldview of materialism and how it controls our thinking and decisions.

During your experience, you are sure to come into contact with some rude shoppers. Ask your teen why these people are so focused and rude.

- ASK: Why do we feel the need to have more stuff in our life? (Because we live each day with more than 3,000 commercials and messages telling us we don't have enough, and if we had this item it would make us happier. But then it becomes a vicious cycle of thinking we need more stuff.)
- What comes to mind when you think about people who can't seem to get enough stuff in their lives?
- How does that control them?
- If we come from a biblical perspective, how do you think God's Word would desire us to view our stuff?



READ: **Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)**

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: God is concerned about our heart. Is our heart more passionate about God, or the next greatest gadget or outfit?

READ: **Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)**

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

DISCUSS: Discuss what it means to have enough.

Discuss what it means to be content in life and what it means to be content with God.

