

Family Bible Talk

Week Three: Financially Sane Families

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TALK IT OVER

1. What kind of “stuff” do you feel like other kids/students think is really cool if you have it? (Maybe a brand of clothes, a special gaming system, or certain phone.) How does it feel when you’re the one who doesn’t have that thing? How does it feel when you DO have it?
2. What are some things that you want right now? Talk about that together as a family... (Do you want to go on a family vacation? Buy your first car when you’re 16? Go to special dance classes or church camp?) Next think about what things God wants for your life. The non-material kinds of things... Are there differences between those and what you talked about earlier? How do we get those?
3. Now figure out what it takes to make any of that happen. What do we have to not do today in order to be able to do that thing we really want later?



LOOK IT UP

4. Read [1 Timothy 6:6-10](#). Is money evil? If you answered yes, go back and read the first line again. What is it saying is evil?
5. How do we “love money”? What does that look like in real life?
6. Now read [Philippians 4:11](#) and [Psalm 24:1](#). What do these Bible verses teach us about our stuff?

Something important to see from this part of the Bible about becoming rich is that it does not say being rich is bad, sometimes it's God's blessing! It doesn't mean that every rich person will have bad things happen either. God wants us to see that it's all about what we live for -- to make lots of money and have lots of stuff OR to live for Him and be satisfied with whatever it is God gives us...



NEXT STEPS

Think of a popular toy or ‘thing’ kids or students collect (it used to be beanie babies, silly bands, Pokémon cards...) It's hard to be happy with just one isn't it? Once you get one then you just want to get more and then even when you have two or five you still want even more. That's the problem with wanting material things: you can never get enough to be happy. It is so hard to be content when all you want are material things. God has something better! Check out [Matthew 6:33](#).



OPTIONS AND IDEAS

Watch Veggie Tales “Madame Blueberry” together and talk about it afterwards. For bigger kids come up with a list of things that we need and a list of what we want. Then pare down the want list if you need to. Make a plan to make sure we get what we need and then how to save and work for our biggest wants. For teenage students talk about what it is we have when we're born into this world... and what it is that we get to take out of it at the end. Discuss what has eternal value versus temporal value.



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