



“A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed better than silver or gold.”
Proverbs 22:1

Our world puts value on the most peculiar things. God’s word is constantly showing us how value the things of life in a true way.

In today’s society it seems that people will do almost anything to advance themselves or to get ahead. One such man is Valentino; he is a very sad man who has been parading around as the Masked Mystery Magician on television. This poor guy has determined that it would be better to make a little money (and we really are talking little) to betray the confidence of many friends in the world of illusion. I hope he enjoys the fun, because he is no longer esteemed by his friends.

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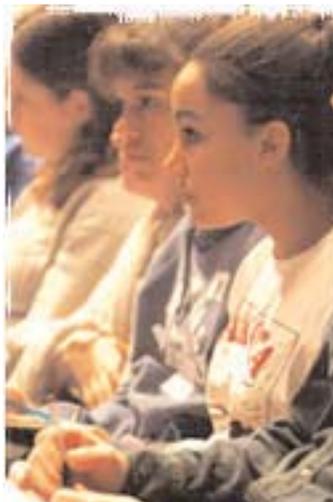
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Mark’s humor is captivating.

At PlanetWisdom 04-05 your students will learn what it means to live in this world but not of this world. This eye-opening, life-changing weekend will help your students engage with scripture and explore how to live according to God’s will. Instead of subconsciously conforming to cultural patterns and worldly values, they will be challenged to consciously make choices that are aligned with their beliefs.

As we unpack 1 John 2:15-17, your students will discover a Godly perspective on issues that matter most in their world. Learning to integrate their faith into all aspects of their lives, they will gain fresh insight on daily decisions.

We’ll invite them to worship, challenge them to deeper commitment, and always treat them with respect. And we’ll give them a thought-provoking journal to help them respond more personally throughout the conference, and to refresh their memories long after they return home.

Winning isn’t everything by Cody Hircock

Americans like to compete. In fact, you could say that competition is the driving force behind our economy. No wonder sports are such a huge part of our culture. Observing the competitive nature of popular sports in America can help us more clearly understand our own competitive tendencies.

What are some of the problems this drive to win creates? Lots of examples: In youth sports programs, some parents get so out of control, they get violent. In high

school and college, coaches can be fired after just one season if their teams don’t win. Players use illegal drugs and schools use illegal recruiting methods. In pro sports, the need to win shows up in the huge salaries paid to players and the lack of loyalty players and fans have to losing teams.

When I was in high school, that desire to get an edge on an opponent led to the temptation to use lighter baseball bats

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Dr. Dare’s Recipe Box: Santa Smash

Okay, so Dr. dare doesn’t like Santa much. This is the case ONLY because he takes so much away from the real meaning of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus Christ. Last year we made Pop-Up Christmas cards, this year we have another anti-Santa treat for you. It is a drink called the Santa Smash.

The idea for it goes something like this. We all

know that imaginary evil characters melt when you pour water on them (ala Wizard of Oz Witch lady). This leaves behind a residue which is actually quite delicious if chilled and served immediately after dousing them with a bucket of water.

Tracking Santa down was quite a chore (especially since he knows I am after him this time of year),

but I did manage to throw a bucket of water on him and enjoy a wonderful Santa Smash.

Since you may not be able to find your own Santa to drench in a bucket of H₂O, I’ve managed a recipe that resembles my drink in both look and taste.

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