



YouthBytes.org - A Powerful Tool for Youth Workers

YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective tool in the hands of those who have a passion to reach and teach this generation. The Episode Guide is designed to help you implement YouthBytes into your particular setting at whatever level you choose: from a full meeting schedule to just a small video to enhance your meeting. We encourage each worker to add his or her own stories, experiences and illustrations to make your particular scenario work. The discussion questions are also just a starting point and we encourage each group to go further and deal with local issues and topics that might be relevant.

Each YouthByte Episode will include :

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We look forward to getting your feedback and comments for these Episode Guides. Also let us know what subjects you would want new YouthBytes to cover. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to feedback@youthbytes.org.

Disc 15 ~ Pirated in Bangkok An Audience of One



Video Summary

This is one of the shorter YouthByte episodes, but its message is nonetheless very powerful. We see Chad engaged in some crazy antics which illustrate some of man's attempts to please God and to get His applause. The first is trying to chase an image fashioned by man. Second is trying to sing a song with purely human effort, but that requires God since He wrote it. Chad's karaoke will leave your ears wanting a break. Finally, Chad tries to go fishing, but not the right way. In the end, all attempts to please God based on human effort are fruitless. Chad challenges all people on the stage called life to live in a way that pleases Jesus Christ. He is really the only one who matters.



Icebreaker ~ Flight Problems

A blonde was on a 747 jumbo jet flying from New York to Frankfurt Germany. All of a sudden there was a loud bang. The pilot came on the speaker and said, "I'm sorry, one engine has just shut off - don't worry, we can fly fine on the others, but I need to let you know we will be arriving in Frankfurt two hours late."

A few hours later, there was another bang on the other side of the airplane. Once again, the pilot came on said the same thing except he apologized that they would be arriving in Frankfurt four hours late.

After that, the third engine shut off and the pilot told the passengers that they will be arriving in Frankfurt 8 hours late.

At that point the blonde turned to her friend next to her and said, "you know, if another engine shuts off we'll be up here all night."



Primary Lesson ~ Remember Jesus is always watching and its Him we need to please

This lesson is really quite simple, yet profound. Millions of people on our planet try so hard to please God but often follow erroneous thoughts as to what God wants from them. Many traditional practices, even in the Christian world, teach people they have to follow rituals and say numerous chants or repetitive prayers to get God's attention.

Most of our human efforts are not biblical. We can never please God by following ritual and tradition that does not match up with Scripture. Chad shows that having a relationship with Jesus Christ and living according to His ways and His words is the only way to get the applause of heaven.



Facts, Figures & Illustrations

- The Hindu religion allows people to pray to about 330 million god,s but they believe each god is just a facet of one Supreme Being.
- The Old Testament forbids the making of any graven image to represent God using the following Scripture:
 - **Leviticus 26:1** *You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.*
- Some facts about Karaoke: karaoke is actually a Japanese term, which means "empty orchestra," where "kara" in Japan means "empty", while "oke," from the Japanese term "okesutora," which means "orchestra."
- The karaoke machine was designed originally to provide backing tracks for solo cabaret performers.
- Karaoke first originated in Japan during the 1970s. At a later stage, this music boom box was distributed to East Asia during the last part of the 1980s and then entered the United States during the early part of the 1990s.
- Australia has its own karaoke psychologist who is simply known as Doctor Tom.



Key Scriptures (From New King James Version, unless otherwise noted)

2 Corinth 5:9-10 ~ *Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

Galatians 1:10 ~ *For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.*

Matthew 15:8-9 ~ [God speaking] *These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.*

Matthew 6:7-8 ~ *And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

Proverbs 29:25 ~ *Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety. (NLT)*



Discussion Questions

1. Christians often look down on people who worship idols and strange looking gods. Which idols do we in the West often worship? (Hint: movie stars, sports heroes, famous musicians, etc.) Discuss how our idols compare to their idols in view of a Holy God.
2. Jesus was speaking to the Jewish religious people when he talked about people teaching as doctrines the commandments of men (**Matthew 15:8-9**). Discuss some of the commandments that churches sometimes create that are not in the Bible but are often taught like they are.
3. Many people often do things they know are wrong, but because they feel pressure around them and fear rejection, they just do it. Talk about times when the fear of man changes your behavior.
4. Pray for one another that you will not have the fear of man but that you will put God first and that you will have courage to do the right thing in front of your friends.