

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Do Not Commit Adultery,” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for July 19, 2015. The lesson is found on page 41 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

Bits and pieces from the news . . .

BRITISH ACTOR James Nesbitt was recently quoted as saying, “I so regret the hurt I caused with my affairs.” Those happened several years ago, during a period he was also reported to be spending more than \$375 a week on cocaine. He explained, “I don’t think I did anything sober. When you suddenly become successful, the change is enormous, financially and in terms of recognition and the way people treat you. I found that hard to deal with. I just regret the hurt it caused my family.” Nesbitt says he “worked hard” to restore his marriage.

DR. PHIL says that money is the number one problem in marriages. And DailyFinance.com describes some of the issues as: secret spending, overspending, and one partner focusing on self instead of what the whole family needs.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, in a recent interview, admitted that the breakup of his marriage (to Maria Shriver) a few years ago was “one of the biggest failures” of his life. Schwarzenegger had an affair (and a child) with their housekeeper. A “very tough situation,” he said.

SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS in England have been charged with claiming expenses that actually amounted to taxpayer-funded perks for themselves. The report said that a “culture of entitlement” had officers even using corporate credit cards to pay for gifts and meals with mistresses. The investigation concluded that chief officers operated in an environment that presents “risks, pressures and temptations.”

MEN WHOSE WIVES EARN THE LIVING are more likely to be unfaithful, reports the *Huffington Post*. Not producing money for the household “tends to be a blow to men’s egos,” said psychologist Susan Heitler, adding that such men who cheat may be attempting to indicate personal power. The report added that some wives who cheat also don’t like being financially dependent on their husbands.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

Why do you think adultery is such a temptation?

How do these news items illustrate that many of our problems begin with the thoughts in our hearts and/or what we allow our eyes to look at?

If the people in these news items considered the following statement now, how do you think they would fill in the blanks? “What I felt was _____, but what I really want now is _____.”

Many people in our society think that sex outside of marriage is no big deal. Today we’ll see what harmful consequences can result in such an attitude.



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