

SENIOR INTENSIVE

NOTES

NOTES FOR PARENTS OR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO REVIEW...

RED links are videos we used during the Senior Intensive

PURPLE links are videos & other resources referenced, or prepared in case we wanted more content, etc.

11:00 - GOD & SCIENCE

•Remember what we've discussed in youth lessons... what do you remember?

>>> (see "[Beyond Reasonable Doubt](#)" podcasts starting 9/20/2017 - [CLICK HERE](#))

•What questions do you still carry? Any arguments or claims have you heard recently?

•How do you anticipate/fear this issue might come up for you in college, etc.?

•naive perspective, dismissal as ignorant if disagree?

•arguments you can't answer?

•How might it come up in Christian circles?

•Young Earth / Old Earth Creationism

•Theistic Evolution: bending Biblical truth to conclusions drawn by unbelievers who are smart but assume a lot about the data they collect and examine & who have their own worldview to protect

•Remember - you don't have to know all the answers on the spot! You don't need to debate people!

•They aren't the enemy - even if hostile...

•The truth (and science) are actually on your side!

>>> "[Reasonable Faith](#)" animated videos - some of which were used for "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" series

>>> [David Berlinski](#) (non-Christian) video - clips of which were used in the "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" series

12:00 - PHILOSOPHY informs what people do and believe ...many attempts to undo Judeo-Christian mentality

•Relativism in truth & morality

•What is Marxism and why am I asking you that? "[Who is Karl Marx?](#)" (Prager U)

•Can you articulate your worldview now?

>>> Explain giving them *Before You Go*: "[The path you choose is the destination you choose](#)", etc. <<<

1:00 - COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

•What are your expectations for the college experience?

•God cares more about WHO you are than WHERE you are...

•...maybe you're not at the same school the whole time, etc.

•IMPERATIVE to get and stay connected with a group of (REAL) believers!!

•Beware distraction & isolation from the Lord, His people & His word!

•Wisdom & decision-making (brain development):

•When does a human brain finish developing? What part of it is last to develop? - Erich's info!

•How would this affect your decision-making?

•How would THAT affect your choices (esp. in the moment) re: parties, drinking, pot, sex, porn

•12 minutes from "The Porn Path" by Mark Driscoll

•The effects of pornography on the brain & the power it wields

•What are the pros & cons of fraternities & sororities?

•How would you ensure you have wise self-control with all the options you'll have?

•Studying (main reason you're there besides glorifying God) vs. recreation/entertainment

["The Porn Path"](#)
-Mark Driscoll
(full version)

- What is rest? (“not entertainment”) - actual rest - even sleeping!
- How to maintain health & safety?
- “We fail because we trade what we want most for what we want right now.”
- Failure doesn’t doom you continue to fail - you can still leave it behind
- What is debt?
 - Why is being in debt so common in our society today?
 - What does it mean to live within your means?
 - Why are we asking these questions while talking about the college experience?
 - Is it possible to finish college without school-related debt? How? (a matter of priorities)
- GIRL / GUY TALKS ON THE WAY TO ICE CREAM: Intuition & safety (girls) ...More about porn (guys)
- Least Diverse Place in America” (Prager U)
 - backups*: “College Made Me a Conservative” & “Conservative Student’s Survival Guide” (Prager U)
- Discuss video(s)
- How can you think critically when dealing with persuasive & pressured speech, mockery & rejection?
 - Expect to run into new issues and disagreements (not the same as looking for a fight)
 - Be prepared to slow down and consider things when facing new ideas and arguments - no need to have an immediate understanding, position, or decision
- Predatory Professors:
 - Read article
 - Brain development (lending to vulnerability), groupthink (explain)
 - Right now, who do you KNOW you can trust? How do you know you can trust them?
 - ...Don’t trust a stranger (professor, new friends, activists, politicians) over the you KNOW care for you and have invested in your life (parents, us, etc.)
 - Many may seem smart and be revealing new perspectives, problems & ideas you didn’t previously know, but that doesn’t mean they’re right or have your best interest in mind.
- Social Media:
 - What have you learned about what not to do?
 - Once it’s online, it’s always online, people aren’t who they say they are (trafficking), info risks
 - This is another place to have courage & be kind (guard reactions to others’ reactions, etc.)
 - If it’s not funny for everyone it’s not funny - care about people, apply manners & kindness online too
 - Treat people like there’s a real person on the other end of online ID (not a faceless punching bag, etc.)
 - Not the best place for evangelism, but you CAN play seeds...

4:00 - POLITICS & VALUES

- The Christian & Capitalism vs. Socialism: What have you learned about socialism so far (in classes, etc.)?
 - What is the appeal? What would be the potential down sides? “Capitalism vs. Socialism” (Prager U)
 - Why would this be such a popular idea on college campuses (apparent free stuff always sounds good)
 - NEITHER solves mankind’s biggest problems, but only one gives them the freedom to choose, etc.
 - Tendency to look toward government for “salvation” and trust politicians more than Jesus
 - Other thoughts and questions about socialism & capitalism?
 - backup: “Socialism & GPA” (campusReform)
- Left vs. Right, political parties - tend toward conservative & republican, BUT... labels are easy, not safe
 - “Why I Left the Left” (Prager U)
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 - Remember the value of our freedom (American Experiment)
 - When laws are proposed ask: how does this limit people’s freedom?
- Abortion - What have you heard & understand to this point?

- What is the key controversy? (women's rights vs. unborn babies' rights)
- What's the key question: when is a baby a person?
- Go see "Unplanned" (show the [movie trailer](#))
- Social Justice: "[What is Social Justice?](#)" (Prager U)
 - Climate change - What have you heard? What's real? [Climate Change Scientists](#) (Prager U)
 - Why do people claim it is an international emergency?
 - What would the exchange be between government control and the freedom we now enjoy?
 - Victim mentality - have you noticed this in your experience, in the news, social media, etc.?
 - Why do so many think of themselves as victims today?
 - Why might it be encouraged on college campuses today?
 - How might politicians capitalize on this outlook people have developed?
 - Heard of safe spaces? Do they really just want freedom from offense?
 - Blame shifting ..someone owes me something?
 - Racism: what is it?
 - How are people racist & not racist?
 - Why is it such a common accusation today
 - Do you have any experience with it? Struggle with it at all?
 - Marginalizing ANYONE is a problem & all do it to someone: uneducated people? who else?
 - Homosexuality - thoughts & questions?
 - Romans 1 well describes its origins
 - Does it matter if people are "born this way"?
 - What about "gay marriage"? What's the deal with that?
 - Not marginalizing them or condemning them either...
 - How to handle talking about it with believers & unbelievers?
 - Transgenderism - What have you heard? What have you dealt with?
 - [Dr. Michelle Cretella](#) (2min) backups: [27min version](#), [Gender Identity Confusion](#) (Prager U), [RT detransitioning \[very blunt\]](#)
 - These people deserve our care & concern - not ridicule
 - The truth matters - God's design matters!
 - Saying or feeling or reshaping things to be different doesn't make it so.
 - What pronouns to use? Conversation! Not wanting to offend, also don't want to propel decision
 - Feminism - "[Feminism 2.0](#)" (Prager U),
 - Amy's struggle reacting to other people's reactions
 - Good masculinity - TRY TO WATCH THIS WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONCEIVED BIAS: [Gillette AD...](#)
 - Why was there any backlash to this video? (people didn't take it at face value, read into it)
 - Taking it at face value (and understanding the kids in the backyard "boy's will be boys" section were actually fighting and not just wrestling for fun) - what is actually bad about it?
 - What's the message of it? (men should be strong, courageous AND kind)
 - Are men the only ones who need that message? No, but they do need it.
 - Be careful about taking an opinion someone else has without understanding where it comes from - check things out for yourself and think prayerfully & rationally
- Gender roles, Marriage & Family values / priorities
 - What are gender roles? Does equality mean "sameness"? Does role dictate personal value?
 - WHAT IS MARRIAGE MATERIAL? (someone who's not marriage material isn't dating material)
 - Choosing well - don't marry stupidly! (example: submission... Eph. 5:21-25; Col. 3:17-21)
 - changing someone in marriage doesn't work (but always growing is essential)
 - Assuming you're get married should be surrendered to & led by God - not cultural norms
 - Family values & priorities:

Excellent article regarding transgender pronouns & more!

- How many think you want to have a family? Want to get married & not have kids?
- Ladies: do you think you want to have kids and a career? Kids are BOTH parents' #1 priority
- How do you see kids & career working together best?
- Daycare can't disciple your kids - raising children isn't just about nuts & bolts of caregiving
- There's no single "right model" for this kind of family organization, but the key is to be willing to adjust your plans and assumptions for what's best when you are faced with these decisions

6:00 - **AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CULTURE & ASSUMPTIONS** (*Beware of Christians*)

•INTRO: beware of others w/ unbiblical ideas about what's important, acceptable & unacceptable

- Identity
- Materialism
- Sex / Relationships
- Church
- Wealth / poverty
- Media / entertainment
- Alcohol
- be on the advance

ALCOHOL WARNING:

Pr. 20:1; 21:17; 23:29-35; 31:4-7; Eph. 5:18

ALCOHOL CONDONED:

Pr. 3:10; 9:2; 9:5; Matt. 9:17; Lk. 7:33-34; Jn. 2; Tim 5:23

ALCOHOL AGE (obeying the government):

Romans 13:1-2; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13