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Shopping revelations - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2010/11/23 7:37

I have taken part every year in the annual Black Friday after Thanksgiving sales. I, like many others wanted to get a good deal and pick up a few things that were at discounted prices. Recently I was in the stores, which were really busy with pre black Friday sales and as I watched people hurrying about with carts full of things they don't really need it really began bothering me. Everyone was so determined to get their "stuff". As I looked around I thought about my own purchase, a DVD. It was not the DVD itself that was bothering me but the thought that here I was about to spend 15.00 on this "thing" that was most likely going to sit on a shelf and collect dust. I might watch it once, when I have time other wise it will sit there...I began thinking how many other purchases have I made that are like that? How many times have I gone in with the thought of "I need this" when I really don't? I began thinking about all the other people in the store, buying things that they don't really need just so we can all have things sitting on our shelves...

I keep thinking that my real treasures are in Heaven and could never be bought at any sale no matter how good the "deal" is...This Friday I am thinking I will do something else

rdg

Re: Shopping revelations - posted by enid, on: 2010/11/23 7:53

Sometimes, something hits us, opens our eyes, and make us reflect on life.

We will spend money on DVD's, cd's etc.

Would we send the same amount to a missionary?

The individual has to fill in the blank.

This life is so fleeting and passing. Yet we pursue it more than we do God.

God is a jealous God.

Remember that.

Re: Shopping revelations - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/11/23 8:15

Good post rdg.

All these sales do is entice you to the store in the hopes you will make lots of impulsive purchases, things you do not need.

Unless the store is selling something I do not need I do not even bother to go. You know what? They advertise about how much money you will save by buying their product - well, you save a whole lot more by not buying it at all! No-brainer, I know, but how long does it take for folks to realize this?

It is all about materialism - promoting the concept that stuff satisfies...and it will for a short period of time until the newest wears off and you need another fix.

I have found the best buys when I asked the LORD to assist me in my purchases. :-)

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2010/11/23 18:05

great insight! Yes, I just went through a spending binge and I'm a guy.(bought computer and guitar related stuff) But I was living so tight for almost a year.

Most of the stuff we buy, we don't want it the second we buy it. It will sit there collecting dust. But we will never give it a way.... wow I am evil.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/11/23 18:16

Quote:

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Don't be too hard on yourself - sometimes doing stupid things is the only way one learns.

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2010/11/23 18:26

Quote:

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I was semi joking. I should've said it like this

"wow I am evil....haha"

but now I understand how evil our nature is. Never really did get that before.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2010/11/23 19:30

enid wrote

Quote:

----- We will spend money on DVD's, cd's etc. Would we send the same amount to a missionary?

Wow this really hit home with me!! Very convicting and revealing truth in that question.

ginnyrose wrote

Quote:

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Amen to that ginnyrose! I am one of those who has had to learn the hard way but I am thankful that God does not give up on me. I am also thankful that He is helping me to learn and grow in this area:)

God bless
maryjane