

# Survey: Only 1 Percent of Young Adults Have Biblical World View

A recent survey finds that the youngest adults in America are increasingly confused about biblical truth.

Pollster George Barna applied a strict definition of a Biblical world view and found that only 1 percent of respondents aged 18 to 23 agreed with it in every aspect.

The survey asked if they believed that absolute moral truth existed; the Bible was completely accurate in the principles it teaches; Satan is considered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic; a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or doing good works; Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today.

The survey sampling was of the general population, not specifically targeted toward people who claimed to be Christian. However, among the 75 percent of Americans who claim to be Christian, the percentage only increased to 19 percent.

Barna laid part of the blame on the parents who have not been diligent in shaping their children's world view.

## Culture Lost in One Generation

Too many have depended on the church or the culture to do the job. They do not realize that in one generation, the culture has become the enemy of the biblical family. Schools teach evolution and hand out condoms. Entertainment has become the focus of the new generation introducing unbiblical fantasies and sinful perversions.

Mega-churches have grown up around this fixation on entertainment neglecting to preach eternal hell and judgment for sin.

Then Barna asks how parents can teach a biblical world view if they don't have one. These young adults are the product of a previous generation that had also lost sight of biblical truth.

Next, Barna raises the question of how good a job the church is doing in Christian education. Obviously, in a couple of hours

a week, the church cannot make up for what the parents have not done. But has the church done its job in training and challenging the parents?

The recent turmoil in the economy is causing many to take another look at the state of our culture. Moses warned Israel of the dangers of misusing the blessings of prosperity. They were to be an example to the world of what God would do for a nation who worshiped and obeyed Him.

But they polluted themselves with the idols of the world and He had to bring judgment.

## America Has Lost Her Mission

In many ways, America was given the same mission: a city on a hill, an example of God's blessing for honoring Him.

Blessing flowed and missionaries were sent to every corner of the globe. But with it came fatness and selfishness and acceptance of Satan's lies.

Can it be turned around? We don't know. But this we can do: we can stand solid on our biblical world view sharing the gospel every way possible.

Many revivals in the past have started with a few concerned Christians. One of the chief instruments they used was gospel tracts. Millions were printed and planted like seed that flourished into great awakenings turning whole nations back to God. They prepared the hearts for great preachers such as Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, and Moody to reap the harvests.

For over 40 years, Chick tracts have proven their ability to "get read." Thousands have testified of their effectiveness in pointing them to the Saviour.

The new Chick tract, *It's All About You*, speaks directly to this new generation. It describes the struggle in the spirit world for their souls.

God is using His judgment to get this nation's attention. We must use the opportunity to "work while it is day." The night is coming, we just don't know when. (See John 9:4.)