



WORLDLINESS LEADING TO DEBT

Characters: Narrator
Worldly Wendy
Mailman
Giant (standing on a small stool to appear as a giant)

Props: Shopping bags, glamorous/blinky shoes, heavy chain

Theme: Confronting the giants of Worldliness and Debt

SCRIPT

Narrator: Romans 12 tells us that we can choose to be conformed to the world, or be transformed by the renewing of our mind. We should not copy the behavior and customs of the world.

Worldly Wendy: (*coming in with shopping bags*) Whew! The mall wore me out today. I wish I had worn my pedometer. I bet I walked over five miles.

Giant: So you got a physical workout. What kind of workout did your wallet get?

Worldly Wendy: (*looking at bags*) Well, my credit card took a bit of a beating. I don't really want to tell my husband, so I'd better get this stuff unloaded into my closet so it will just "blend in" with my old stuff. I don't want that subject to come up tonight.

Giant: Good idea! He doesn't need to know.

Worldly Wendy: (*starts unloading and opens a shoe box with an elaborate shoe*) Wow! I do love these shoes. I think I saw one of the Kardashians wearing a similar style on the red carpet last week. And I got....

Giant: Good for you. The Kardashians are great role models. If only all women would try to keep up with them--we would have a more stylish nation! They're up on the latest trends! You can look like them on your budget, if you just shop around! You need to get rid of your old stuff and replace it all!

Worldly Wendy: Wouldn't that be great if I could...

Giant: You can! That is what credit cards are for! And if you max out one, get another one!



Worldly Wendy: (*hesitant*) Oh, I don't know... I don't think that's the best way to get what I want....

Giant: Well, if you truly want to have that glamorous lifestyle, it comes at a cost. You'll just have to be creative, borrow from Peter to pay Paul, check out QVC deals. Hey! Borrow from your kids' piggy banks! They'll never know--and you can replace the money later.

Worldly Wendy: First I need to know exactly what I need before I start figuring out where the money is going to come from. I stopped by to buy some DVD's, too. They've put out some of those reality shows on DVD. Now I can watch them repeatedly so I can study how they do their hair and make up, and how they decorate their houses. Those Housewives of Manhattan are so classy.

Giant: Looking to the world for your example....verrrrry good thinking!

Worldly Wendy: (*frowning*) It sounds bad when you say it like that. There's nothing wrong with trying to put your best foot forward. I want to be the best that I can be, and the more I emulate people like that, the more attractive I am to the world. (*pause*) Oh, here's Gwen, the mailman! Hope she's got something good for me.

Mailman: Hi, Wendy! Let's see here what I have for you (*hands a stack of mail to Wendy*) How are you today?

Worldly Wendy: (*Thumbing through the mail*) Well, I'm fine...I think. Wow, there's a lot of bills in here. Where's the junk mail? I don't know how I can have this many bills...

Mailman: I don't mean to pry, Wendy, but I have been noticing that you get more bills than anyone on the block. Don't forget, Proverbs says that it's better to have little with reverence for God, than great treasure and trouble with it.

Worldly Wendy: Yep...I'm gonna have trouble all right...

Mailman: I've been your mail carrier for a long time and I worry when I see someone start to get so many department store bills; it seems like it is not long until their house is in foreclosure. I hope you have it under control. See you tomorrow (*mailman leaves*)

Worldly Wendy: Here's my credit card bill. (*opens her credit card bill and screams*) Oh my!! Oh no! My husband can never see this bill. What am I going to do?

Giant: (*leans over and peeks at the credit card*) Wow--That is a big balance on your credit card! But no worries. You can pay it off monthly. Here (*throws a chain around Wendy and wraps it around*). I've been saving this just for you. This chain will just be temporary...until you get the bill paid off in about...oh, I'd say three years. (*evil laugh*)



Worldly Wendy: Wait a minute. That is a long time and this is heavy!! And that is only one bill! That monthly payment will not just “cramp” my style. I’m going to have trouble paying my school loans. I’m going to have trouble buying gas. I may need to get a second job! And my husband is going to find out! He’ll be so disappointed that I haven’t controlled my spending!

Giant: Well, debt is like that. It can sneak up on you, and suddenly you’re in bondage! I dearly LOVE it when I can shackle someone!

Worldly Wendy: Why didn’t you stop me?

Giant: Ha-ha-ha! Why would I do that? Bondage is one of my favorite weapons of mass destruction. Bondage keeps people enslaved--I have you just where I want you.

Narrator: But Jesus wants you free. Free from anything that limits you. Free from debt, and free from the expectations of the world. Love not the world, or the things of the world. Galatians 5:1 says “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us **free**, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”