

WISDOMSHOUSE



5 Statistics to Stimulate Prayer

1. The supreme “me” of individualism.

“Look at the mindset of the Mosaic generation (of which today’s teens are a part). They have widely braced the hyper-individualism of postmodern philosophy, with its rejection of absolutes. To postmoderns, the individual is supreme.” *Teens and the Supernatural*, 8 The Barna Group, Ltd. 2006

2. 75% of teens seek dark spiritual encounters.

“Three-quarters of teenagers said they had personally engaged in at least one type of psychic or witchcraft-related activity during their life (73%), not including mere media exposure.” *Teens and the Supernatural*, 8 The Barna Group, Ltd. 2006

3. 66% of cultural church teens seek dark spiritual encounters.

“Frequent attendance at church services or youth group meetings did very little to insulate Mosaics from experimentation. Overall, 12% of youth group attenders and 11% of church attenders are heavily engaged in witchcraft and occult activities, on par with the national average. Two-thirds of both religiously active groups had experimented with such activities, which is only slightly below the national average.” *Teens and the Supernatural*, 8 The Barna Group, Ltd. 2006

4. Pastoral/church influence minimal.

“... churches and pastors have an uneven - and mostly non-existent - influence on teens’ thinking and actions related to the supernatural.” *Teens and the Supernatural*, 17 The Barna Group, Ltd. 2006

5. Parents & childhood most important.

“... our research shows that childhood is much more important in shaping people’s perspectives and behaviors than most people realize. This means that to best shape a person related to the supernatural world, you have to influence them as children.” *Teens and the Supernatural*, 17 The Barna Group, Ltd. 2006

“... parents are profoundly important in the equation - a fact that sometimes surprises parents. Mom and Dad provide the lifestyle models that teens emulate. And parental beliefs often become the framework for what teens believe.” *Teens and the Supernatural*, 17 The Barna Group, Ltd. 2006

Note:

This information is compiled with the intent to bring information, in love, to build The Church the way God intends; as His Family, His House.