

**ILL: Have you made your list out to Santa yet.**

**Do you remember when you were a kid how you use to make a LIST TO SANTA.**

**Santa Claus is coming to town  
Song: He's making a list  
And checking it twice;  
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!  
O! You better watch out!  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town**

**A. THERE'S SOMEBODY ELSE THAT'S MAKING A LIST, BUT HE DOESN'T DRESS UP IN A RED OUTFIT AND SLIDE DOWN CHIMNEYS.**

**GOD – HE'S ALL ABOUT WRITING A LIST, KEEPING RECORDS**

**Revelation 20:12 (NIV)**

1. God has a record book that has every person that has ever lived names written in this book. And not only is their name in the book, but HE keeps track of what they have done and what they haven't done. **GOOD, BAD, AND UGLY**

**ILL: You've either seen this movie or heard about it THE BUCKET LIST  
-TWO guys find out at the same time that they only have 6 months to live.  
-So they write a LIST OF THINGS TO DO BEFORE THEY KICK THE BUCKET**

**A. WE ALL HAVE SAID, "BEFORE I DIE I WANT TO I WANT TO GO TO A CERTAIN PLACE AND DO A CERTAIN THING IN LIFE".**

**1. IN LIFE WE ALL HAVE ONE BUCKET OF SAND**

**Hebrews 9:27 (NIV)**

2. AT BURIAL SERVICES I HAVE SAID, "WE COMMIT THEY'RE BODY TO THE GROUND; EARTH TO EARTH, ASHES TO ASHES, DUST TO DUST." JUST AS GOD TOOK DIRT FROM THE GROUND TO MAKE MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. DIRT IS WHAT WE RETURN TO WHEN WE DIE.

**B. SO WHAT WE DO WITH OUR BUCKET IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH TO GO AROUND.**

## The Real Bucket List

1. **“BEFORE I DIE I WANT TO GO SKY DIVING.”**

### **VIDEO – SKYDIVER**

**ILL: (PUT SMALL BUCKET OF SAND IN FOR EVERY POINT)**

1. **“BEFORE I DIE I WANT TO:”**
  - GO ON A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.
  - MAKE A LOT OF MONEY
  - GO ON A AFRICAN WILD GAME HUNT
  - GO ON THE BIGGEST SHOPPING SPREE EVER**EVERYBODY HAS A LIST, WE ALL HAVE HOPES AND DREAMS**

### **C. JONAH WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY BODY ELSE.**

1. He had a list of things he wanted to do and didn't want to do. And God came along one day and put something on Jonahs list.
2. **“GO TO NINEVEH” JONAH SAID, “IT’S NOT ON MY LIST”**

**HE REBELS AGAINST GOD, GOES THE OPPOSITE WAY, STUCK ON A SHIP IN A STORM, GETS THROWN OVERBOARD, SWALLOWED BY A FISH, THROWN UP ON THE SEA SHORE.**

3. Then JONAH REPENTS, Then finally says, **“OK GOD” “I’LL DO WHAT’S ON YOUR LIST” GOD RESTORES HIM. A WHOLE CITY WAS SAVED FOR GOD**

**AND GOD ADDED JONAH HIS BUCKET LIST IN HEAVEN**

**ILL: (SMALL BUCKET OF SAND IN GOD’S BUCKET)**

### **E. KING DAVID THE GREATEST KING EVER TO LIVE HAD A LIST**

1. HE DID GREAT THINGS FOR THE LORD. HE MADE SURE HIS KINGDOM WAS BUILT ON GOD

**ILL: (ADD SAND TO GOD BUCKET)**

3. HE OBEYED GOD AND DID EVERYTHING HE ASKED – **(SAND)**

**BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED ONE DAY**

### **2 Samuel 11:1 (MSG)**

1. The entire Israelite army, went out to fight, but David remained behind. He was back home in the comfort of his palace, living in the luxury and ease of his prosperity.
2. HE WAS AROUND 55 YRS OLD AND I’M SURE WAS TELLING HIMSELF **“I DESERVE A BREAK TODAY I’M GOING TO MAKE MYSELF A LIST.**
3. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I’M PUTTING ON MY LIST TO DO BEFORE I KICK THE BUCKET
4. IS TO HAVE AN AFFAIR WITH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG MARRIED WOMAN.

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5. IT RUINED DAVIDS LIFE, HIS CARACHER, CHILDREN. BUT WE SEE DAVID REPENTING.

**2 Samuel 12:13 (NIV)**

**GOD ADDED DAVID TO HIS BUCKET LIST IN HEAVEN**

**F. THERE WAS A MAN THAT CAME UP TO JESUS MAKING A LIST OF THINGS HE STILL WANTED TO DO TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

**Matthew 19:16 (NIV)**

1. THAT WAS VERY UNUSUAL FOR A RICH MAN TO WANT TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. JESUS EXPLAINED TO HIM TO FOLLOW THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
2. AND THE MAN LOOKED DOWN ON HIS LIST AND SAID, “**YES I’VE DONE ALL THAT.**” BUT ONE THING JESUS NOTICED, THAT THE MAN SAID, “WHAT GOOD THING MUST I DO”
3. THE MAN WAS PUTTING DOWN OF HIS LIST A RELIGION OF GOOD WORKS – WITHOUT FAITH

**ILL: (PUT SAND IN WORLD)**

**Matthew 19:21 (MSG)**

3. **WHEN JESUS ADDED THAT TO HIS LIST THE MAN TURNED AROUND AND WALKED AWAY.**

**CONCLUSION:**

**WHAT DO WE SAY, “THE THINGS I WANT TO DO BEFORE I DIE”**

**“I WANT”**

**ILL: (PICK UP THE WORLD BUCKET)**

**“WHEN WE DO WHAT WE WANT THIS IS WHAT WE END UP WITH”**

**ILL: (PICK UP THE GOD BUCKET)**

**“BUT WHEN WE DO WHAT GOD WANTS WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE”**

**Matthew 16:26 (MSG)**

**What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself?  
What could you ever trade your soul for?**