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Topic:

Christian living in college, the battle of temptation; is my faith genuine?

KEY POINTS

1. Invite God into every situation
2. Guard your heart/ mind (Matthew 5:28-20)
3. Sacrifice/ Take up your cross/ deny self (Matthew 16:24)
4. Recognize Existing vs. Living
5. Godly wisdom over worldly wisdom
6. Examine your faith
7. Trust God (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Grace is freely given, Grace is not a license to sin.
"If you love me you will keep my commands" John 14:15
" I write this to you so that you will no sin, but if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one." 1 John 2:1

Questions to ask?

- Is God getting the glory out of my life?
- Are my actions glorifying God?
- What is God teaching me in this season?
- What friendships or relationships are sent from God and which ones are sent to distract me?

A Prayer:

Help me to increasingly believe in You and Your Son; to fear You, love You, and cling to You. Compel me to pray persistently, read Your Word diligently, to meditate on it, to keep it in my heart, to speak about it, and to glorify You with my life. Father forgive me for sins and continue to show me my sin. Father help me to take up my cross and follow you.

1 Corinthians 10 (Everything we do should glorify God)

- 10: 13 No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it.
- 10: 23 "Everything is permissible," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible," but not everything builds up.
- 10: 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

1 Timothy 4: 12-16 (Even though we are young, we still need to set an example of Christ)

- 4:12 Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.
- 4:16 Pay close attention to your life and your teaching; persevere in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (Examine yourself)

- 13: Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test.

Remaining in Christ

Galatians 5: 16- 24 Flesh vs. the spirit

John 15:4 Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

Ephesians 4: 27 Give no opportunity to the devil

James 4:7 resist the devil and he will flee from you

Genuine Faith

James 2:17 In the same way faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself.

2 Corinthians 5:17 For we walk by faith and not sight

Proverbs 17: 3 the Lord is the tester of hearts

1 Peter 1:7 so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.