

### **3. Be willing to lead courageously with God's truth.**

You have a huge advantage over the world because you have an absolute standard by which to make your decisions. Don't be afraid to stand for what is right when God's truth is your source.

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right." - 2 Timothy 3.16-17a*

### **4. Guard your Heart.**

Make your mind up now about how you will react when tempted by sight, sound, and touch--then flee when you're are tempted.

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do...Don't get side tracked; keep your feet from following evil." - Proverbs 4.23-27*

### **5. Surround yourself with wise counsel.**

Always seek friends, co-workers, advisors, and mentors that are willing to speak truth into your life even when it is difficult.

*"A wise man is mightier than a strong man." - Proverbs 24.5*

### **6. Be ready for when God prompts you.**

Don't be paralyzed when you don't know every detail of God's will for your life. God promises to uniquely prepare you for the situations you will encounter. He will make it clear to you what you should do.

*"What's more, who can say but that you have been elevated to the palace for just such a time as this." - Ester 4.14*

### **7. Genuinely love others.**

You will be hurt and disappointed by others. Sometimes you will be treated unfairly or unjustly. In those moments, you must choose if it is more important to you to be right or to love and forgive. Allow God to love through you.

*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." - John 13.35*

### **8. Long for the right treasures.**

Much of the happiness the world offers is fleeting. Riches, promotions, and the approval of men will fade. Seek after His kingdom to find contentment.

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will be also."*  
- Matthew 6.21

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