

## **Teen Topics**

### **Living in the World (Part 2)**

One of the most difficult obstacles we face as we try to live for Christ is the constant pressures around us to conform to the ways of the world. How do these pressures impact you?

#### ***Going a Different Direction***

In a world focused on pleasing “self” and gratifying the “flesh,” our call to be light in the darkness demonstrates the dramatic difference that should be seen in the life of a believer (Eph. 5:8). Just as light and darkness do not mix, neither should the believer’s life with the way of the world (note Eph. 2:1-10; 4:17-24). The ultimate question we have to ask ourselves concerning the direction of our lives is, “What is our \_\_\_\_\_?”

Our passion will drive the decisions we make. Caving into peer pressure or willingly doing whatever it takes to “fit in” only reveals that our passion for the world is greater than our passion for Christ. And just like light and darkness, these two passions cannot coexist (I John 2:15).

- > **What does Matt. 6:24 say concerning our passion for God?**

#### ***Standing Strong through the Pressure***

Our passion for God will bring about choices to live our lives for Him! In a world where living for God is not always popular, we must be prepared to stand strong when facing opposition:

- > \_\_\_\_\_ to live for Christ and be \_\_\_\_\_ to Him (Joshua 24:15).
- > \_\_\_\_\_ yourself as a leader who sets the example, not a follower who gives into pressure (I Tim. 4:12).
- > \_\_\_\_\_ yourself for each day (Eph. 6:11). Look to Christ for strength and wisdom to make good decisions.

As a believer, you must determine to make an impact for Christ on others, or else others will make an impact on you!