

Transitioning Well

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Four decisions you can make now that will help you to protect your faith during your college years, or through any transition.

Decision #1: I WILL ACTIVELY PRACTICE MY FAITH, NOT COMPARTMENTALIZE IT.

We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers. ³For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (New Living Translation)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (New International Version)

Decision #2: I WILL MAKE SURE MY CLOSEST FRIENDS SHARE MY CHRISTIAN VALUES.

“Listen to me, you who know right from wrong, you who cherish my law in your hearts. Do not be afraid of people’s scorn, no fear their insults.” Isaiah 51:7 (NLT)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. ²But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. ³They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)

The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray. Proverbs 12:26 (NLT)

Decision #3: I WILL CONNECT WITH A MENTOR.

Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success. Proverbs 15:22 (NLT)

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise. Proverbs 19:20 (NIV)

Decision #4: I WILL SET MY MORAL BOUNDARIES UP FRONT.

Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will not be put to shame. Isaiah 50:7 (NLT)

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV)