

Three Questions Every Kid Needs Answered

How Can I Win Life's Biggest Battles?

Bullies, drugs, or grades won't be the biggest battles your child will have to face during the first 18 years of their lives. And although money may be the root of "all kinds of evil," financial issues, relationship issues, etc. aren't the biggest battles you face either. At the root of every battle we face is an underlying principle that we used to call purity. Today, purity has been relegated to the realm of sex, but at its core, purity is the root of all goodness and life's greatest and most pressing battles are the ones you fight in your heart.

Colossians 3:1–17

1. The root of every battle our children face is a _____
_____ problem.
2. We can't keep thoughts from floating into our minds, but we can keep them from becoming _____.
3. To guard our heart, we have to _____
_____.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll separate myself from people who drag you down.
- I'll separate myself from things that pull you in.
- I'll immerse myself in what is noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable.

Sign me up for ...

- Directions Bible Study
- RightNowMedia
- Life Group
- Kid Street Sunday
- Kid Street Wednesday

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

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Scripture: Colossian 3:1–17

Introduction: Behind every single one of life's biggest battles is a skirmish for the heart. Whether it's dealing the bully on the playground or in the office; the overly harsh math teacher or an overzealous sales manager; or the call of Fortnite or Grand Theft Auto when we have homework or relationships to tend to. One of the proverbs reminds us that *As a person thinks, so they are*. It's difficult to remain pure in boundaryless culture where virtually everything goes. And yet, the call to be pure and holy is clear mandate for Christians (Hebrews 12:14). The question we all face is how can we win the battle for our hearts and minds?

1. When it comes to the battle for the heart and mind, what do you think is the biggest battle most Americans are fighting?
2. When you think about the word "purity," what comes to mind?
3. Read Colossian 3:1–17. What do you think "Christ, who is your life" means? (v 4)
4. Of all the habits Paul says to "put to death," which ones do you think the average American have the most trouble with? (vs 5–9)
5. Dr. Bill introduced the concept of **Thoughts** versus **Thinks**. Do you think there are ways to moderate our thoughts? If so, how?
6. Why do you think it's so difficult to be counter-cultural? What could we do to make being different easier and more palatable?
7. What can you do to become immersed in what is noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable? (Philippians 4:8)

Who will you invite to worship with you this week?
