THE PLUG

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Living a Life That Gives God Glory

PLUG VERSE OF THE WEEK: [Colossians 3:17] And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

[Bible verses: Colossians 3:17, Romans 5:8, Psalms 69:30]

Ice Breaker Game:

What Does Your Life Say?

- If someone watched how you acted for one day, what would they learn about you?
- Do you think people can tell that you love God by the way you treat others?
- Is it easier to praise God at church or show Him through your actions at school?

1. Let Everything You Do Represent God

Colossians 3:17

Paul reminds us that honoring God isn't limited to certain places or certain days. Everything we say and do should reflect our relationship with Jesus.

That means: How we speak to our parents matters **|** How we treat our classmates matters **|** What we post on social media matters **|** How we respond when we're upset matters **|** How we treat people who cannot do anything for us matters.

Being a Christian isn't just about what people see us do at church. It's about how we live when we leave church.

Real-Life Scenario:

Your friends are making fun of another student in a group chat. You don't participate, but you also don't say anything because you don't want to become the next target.

- What would honoring God look like in that situation?
- Does representing Jesus always mean doing what everyone else agrees with?

2. God's Love Isn't Based on Perfection

Romans 5:8

Sometimes we feel like we have to get everything right to be loved by God. We may think we have to pray more, do better, stop making mistakes, or become a better person before God will accept us.

But Romans 5:8 reminds us that God loved us BEFORE we got everything together. God didn't wait for us to become perfect before showing us His love. He loved us right where we were.

That means: Your mistakes don't make God stop loving you **|** You don't have to compare your relationship with God to someone else's **|** You can always turn back to Him **|** God's love isn't something you have to earn

Don't let your mistakes convince you that God doesn't love you. Instead, let His love encourage youto grow.

Real-Life Scenario:

You made a decision you knew wasn't right. You feel disappointed in yourself, and now you don't feel like praying or going to church because you feel like you've let God down.

- What would you tell someone who feels this way?
- How does Romans 5:8 remind us to respond when we make mistakes?

Key Point: God's love isn't a reward for being perfect. It's a gift that reminds us we can always come to Him.

3. Turn Your Gratitude Into Praise

Psalm 69:30

Praise is more than singing songs at church. Praise is recognizing who God is and being thankful for what He has done.

Sometimes we get so focused on what we don't have, what's going wrong, or what we wish were different that we forget to appreciate what God has already done.

Think about it: You woke up today. That's something to thank God for | God continues to love you through your ups and downs. **|** You have opportunities to learn, grow, and become better. **|** Even when life isn't perfect, God is still worthy of your praise.

Praise doesn't mean everything in your life is going right. It means you recognize that God is still good, even when things aren't going your way.

Real-Life Scenario:

You didn't make the team, you didn't get the grade you wanted, or something didn't work out the way you planned. You're disappointed and frustrated.

- How can you still find a reason to thank God?
- Does praising God mean you can't be disappointed?

Key Point: Praise isn't just about what God gives us. It's about recognizing who God is, even when life gets difficult.

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