

# How Do We, as Christian Men, Function?

How do we, as Christian men, function effectively in the world, without compromising our faith?

Not a day goes by without temptations that may – and usually do – lead us to disobey God. How we handle those temptations either conforms our character and faith closely to that of Jesus or takes us in the opposite direction. Every area of our lives may be – and usually is – affected by that simple choice.

Pressures? Yes... we all have them. But none of us needs to give in to the pressures of this world. And none of us will, if we develop a passion for God that is greater than any pressure the world or the devil can throw at us. That is true for all children, for all high school and college youth, and for all adults.

However, it is absolutely impossible for Christians to catch the fire – the passion of God – unless they spend intimate time with God.

How can we – how can you – live our faith without compromise in a world full of sin and temptations? Is it possible to maintain ethical standards in business and in school and personal integrity in our social lives when external pressures and internal forces constantly entice us away from the Christian life?

At some point, we Christian men have to choose what matters most to us: climbing the ladder... or holding the cross.

Christian men have to uphold God's ways *always* and *publicly*, not just privately, when others ridicule or look down on us for doing so. When God's values and the world's values collide, we must value the praise of God more than the respect of men. We must be willing to humble ourselves now if we wish to be lifted up by God.

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**“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” (Mark 8:36)**

**“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.”**  
(Romans 12:2)

**“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”**  
(Matthew 26:41)

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