

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Devotional 3**

**Proverbs 23:7** says, "As a man thinketh within himself, so is he."

Ultimately, whatever controls our mind controls our actions. That is why the previous discussions are so critical. But what about our behavior? How does that fit into the equation?

Our behavior becomes the conclusive test for our beliefs. **James 1** says that if we are not "doers of the word" that we are deceiving ourselves. It's one thing to think and to say. It's another thing all together to actually take action.

### **Read Colossians 3:23-25**

If we follow Paul's advice here we can't go wrong. Our actions will always be pleasing to God and helpful to others.

Here are a few practical things that you might consider to make sure that you remain sexually pure in your thoughts and actions.

1. Be careful what you allow yourself to see and hear.

2. Avoid situations that can lead to sexual temptation.
3. Don't allow yourself to be alone with someone of the opposite sex.
4. Commit to discuss sexual topics with no one except your parents.

I'm sure that you can think of others. Talk with your parent and make your own list.

Also, below are a few scripture references that you might like to discuss.

### **1Corinthians 6:18-20**

### **Jeremiah 17:9**

### **Romans 8:5-6**

### ***Parents:***

Commit with your student to set aside future dates to check in with each other to see how they are coping with temptation. The more often you talk about this subject, the more comfortable you and your student will become. End each time with a prayer of protection for your student from the temptations they will continue to face.