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Charting a course that pleases God means you will sometimes stand alone. In this lesson you will read about a young Christian who stood alone.

Read the introduction to *Charting a Course in Your Youth* (pp. ix-xii).

Reading for Understanding

Answer each question.

1. What did the king offer Pelagius if he would denounce Jesus?

2. Why could the king not really have given Pelagius the greatest pleasure he could imagine?

-  3. Read 1 John 2:14. How was Pelagius like the young men John addressed?

4. Why was Pelagius prepared for his trial even though he did not have years of experience?

5. Pelagius, Moses, and Daniel all chose to follow God rather than accept and conform to their kings' wishes. What were the major differences in the outcome of their decisions?

6. a. What formula did Jesus offer those who were confused and needed direction?

- b. What action does the formula require? _____

Complete these sentences.

7. According to the statement "If it feels good, do it," your _____ are the standard of right and wrong.

8. The solution to the gathering _____ in our world is increasing _____; that is, get closer to Jesus Christ.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

-  9. Read Hebrews 11:24-27. Why did both Moses and Pelagius reject the pleasures offered them?
- They feared the king's reproach.
 - They understood spiritual reality.
 - They recognized the value of self-discipline.
 - All of the above.
10. What is *not* a reason decisions regarding materialism might be more difficult than the decision Pelagius faced?
- Materialism is one of the worst sins.
 - We face temptations with materialism more often.
 - Some people have valid uses for things that are unnecessary for others.
 - We may not always realize we are facing a temptation with materialism when it comes.
11. What is the best paraphrase of the following statement: "People reject the thought of absolutes, and truth seems elusive"?
- People recognize truth but reject it.
 - People feel rejected when they are faced with absolute authority.
 - People try to explain truth away because it makes them accountable.
 - Because people refuse to believe absolute truth exists, they can't recognize truth.
12. What is the best explanation of the following statement: "It is the age of gray"?
- Gray is a popular color.
 - Society has a darkening future.
 - People are rejecting absolutes about right and wrong.
 - Choosing well is difficult because we have so many possibilities.

Proverb for the Day

The Book of Proverbs contains many general principles that apply to both Christians and non-Christians. By contrast, Jesus directed His teachings about finances specifically to Christians, and explained how His followers should view and manage money and possessions. When we combine Jesus' teachings with Proverbs' practical principles, we demonstrate stewardship that builds the Kingdom of God.

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Proverbs 3:9, 10).

☐ **Paraphrase Proverbs 3:9 and 10.**

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