

From the Family Room

**Creekwood Church of Christ
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OUR BIBLICAL COMPASS

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left. Isaiah 30:21



Many of us occasionally get lost. It is not a good feeling. The last time I got lost was on a hike in the north Georgia mountains about 14 years ago – with most of the youth group. No prob. We found our way out in no time. ;)

Our young people are preparing for graduation and college beginning in August. They are entering into uncharted territory. What a person needs in uncharted territory is a compass. A GPS is not very helpful there. What our young people need after high school when they leave home is a spiritual compass to guide them. That compass is found in the Bible.

Listed below are seven scriptures that will guide us in the future. They certainly apply to our young people. They also are meaningful to all of us of any age during periods of transitions in our life. We should read these scriptures and memorize them so we can take them everywhere we go.

1. ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*** John 3:16
2. ***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*** Romans 8:35, 38, 39
3. ***For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*** Romans 8:14
4. ***"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*** Matthew 6:33
5. ***For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*** Jeremiah 29:11
6. ***This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*** Joshua 1:8
7. ***Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days.*** Ephesians 5:15, 16 (J. B. Phillips Translation)

As parents and fellow church members, let's make sure our young people are equipped with their spiritual compass as they journey into the uncharted territory of this new phase of their lives.

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