

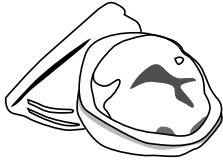


Parent's Guide

Detour Bible Study



Lesson 2.1 – Knowing What God Wants From Me



In a Nutshell

God gives believers wisdom and purpose in life.

Memory Verses

Compass Point – Romans 12:1

Bible Study – Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 1:7; Colossians 1:9

Summary

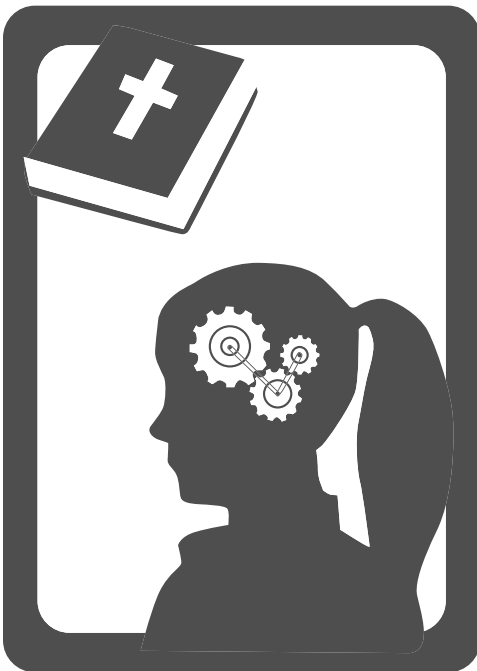
Compass Point – Every Christian has a purpose – to know, love and serve Jesus Christ. Romans 12:1 talks about being a living sacrifice, which is when a Christian puts his or her life on the line to do whatever it is that God wants him or her to do. Our living sacrifice is reasonable (which means “fair”), because of all that Jesus Christ has done for us. He died on the cross for our sin. He gave believers the right to call God “Father,” and He has given each believer the privilege of being God’s child forever.

Believers should sacrifice their own wishes for what they know God wants from them. Being a living sacrifice is one of the many ways that Christians can realize God’s purpose.

Bible Study – Your teenager is asked to consider what she would do when faced with a friend who steals. She learns what God wants her to do. She finds out that what she is really asking for is **wisdom**, and there’s a book in the Bible that teaches about it – Proverbs.

Most of the book of Proverbs was written by King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived. He wrote the book for his son. There are many other verses in the Bible that also describe wisdom.

Your teenager also finds out that biblical wisdom is not the same as common sense. Biblical wisdom starts with knowing God (Proverbs 1:7). The wisdom He gives will help a person in all aspects of life. Other Christians can help a believer apply biblical wisdom to life.



The Next Step

- Take your teenager out for a special treat – her choice. Ask her what reasonable sacrifices she has to make. Ask thought-provoking questions and then listen. Perhaps she plays sports. You could ask, “Do your teammates treat you differently because you are a Christian?”
- Let her see reasonable sacrifices put into practice in your everyday life. Here is an example of reasonable honesty: You and your daughter go shopping at the mall. A salesclerk undercharges you for a pair of jeans. You don’t notice it until you get home. You go back to the store, receipt in hand. At the customer service desk, you explain what happened and ask to pay the full amount.

Bible Study Questions

Power Up – Your teenager learns from Proverbs 1:1-7 and Romans 12:1-2 that she needs to start living the new life wisely, not only in what she does, but also in her mind.

She answers the questions below in her lesson. The answers are found in Proverbs 1:1-7 and Romans 12:1-2.

Proverbs 1:1-7 and Romans 12:1-2 have some opposites in them. Fill in the blanks below.

What do you want your mind to do? (Romans 12:2) _____

What **don't** you want your mind to do? (Look at the beginning of Romans 12:2.)

What do you want to be called? (Proverbs 1:5) _____ or _____

What **don't** you want to be called? (Proverbs 1:7) _____

Choose Your Own Ending

Ask your teenager about the opening illustration. How would she handle it? Wait until she asks you for help before offering your insight.

What would **you** do, and why?

1. Confront Kayla and tell her to give the pen back to Megan.
2. Tape a sign to Kayla’s back when she’s not looking that reads, “I stole Megan’s pen.”
3. Take the pen from Kayla and try to sneak it back into Megan’s locker.
4. Your own solution.

What do you think is the **wisest** way to handle the situation between Megan and Kayla?

