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Speech:

When complimented, simply say "Thank you"

When you fail or do something wrong, simply say "I'm sorry" without trying to justify it.

With interacting with others, take a posture of listening, rather than talking.

Dress:

Don't wear clothes that lead to pride or excessive attention

Work:

Do dirty jobs like washing dishes, emptying garbage, or serving someone in secret if possible

Study:

Read Philippians 2. The humility of Jesus

Don't think less of yourself but think of yourself less.

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Speech:

Encourage others with your words. Speak only what is helpful for building up.

Work:

Serve a meal to someone this week (perhaps invite a neighbor).

Bake Cookies and personally give to the Garbage Men.

Write a thank you note to someone who has influenced your life.

Serve Hot Coffee in front of an office building or store as people come in for work or leave after shopping.

Study:

Read Acts 16: 16—40 - Notice How Paul and Silas are Salt and Light in this story.

Embed yourself in the culture.

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Focus on one or more of the ten commandments (Exodus 20) each day this week. Seek the principle behind the commandment and try to practice it this week.

Do an act of kindness for someone or make an anonymous donation to an individual or charity and tell absolutely no one.

Spend an increased amount of time this week talking to and worshipping God.

If possible, call your mom and/or dad this week and/or spend time with them.

Study:

Read Exodus 20: 1-17 each day this week.

Focus on your heart this week.

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- Train yourself to not call people names or talk about how “dumb” people are . If you catch yourself doing it, stop and ask God to forgive you and cleanse your heart and tongue. (Don't “post” it either)
- Invite someone to keep you accountable to the above item this week.
- Don't tell any racial or gender offensive jokes. It may get the room laughing, but its not pleasing to God.
- Look for ways to build others up through compliments, help, and other types of encouragements.
- In broken relationships, seek healing, whether you are responsible or not. Make an effort toward reconciliation this week.

Study:

Read 2 Corinthians 5: 17 –21.

Focus on your tongue this week.

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- Make an anonymous donation to an organization or individual and don't tell anyone.
- If given the opportunity, pray in public. Don't worry whether or not your prayer is eloquent or "beautiful." You are praying to God not impressing others. Your Father doesn't look at outward appearance, he looks at the heart.
- Fast this week by skipping lunch and devoting yourself to Bible Study and prayer. Find a private quiet place to spend time with God. Depend on him to be all you need during this short fast. Don't tell people that you are fasting unless they ask you what you are doing.

Study:

Read Matthew 6: 1-18 several times. Ask God to reveal any impure motives in your own heart.

Practice the Spiritual Discipline of Secrecy this week

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- Review your budget. Are you living at or below your means? If not, what steps will you take to reduce your expenses and eradicate your debt. Write them down.
- Stop using your credit card. Cut it up or if you must keep it. To help resist impulse buying, put it in a Ziploc bag in a container of water and place it in the freezer.
- Pray about becoming a financial partner of Turning Point Church. A financial partner:

Prays about what he/she can give. — What is God leading you to give?
Plans for it in a weekly budget. - Adapts budget to accomplish God purpose.
Gives sacrificially—The gift replaces something you enjoyed or consumed.
Gives consistently—The gift is given faithfully and consistently.

- Take inventory of your house. What can you give away that you no longer need or want? If it has value, consider selling it to put toward your debt, or giving it away to bless someone else. Don't know what to do with it, ask Pastor George.
- Study 1 Timothy 6: 17—19 : Focus on these verses throughout the week. Consider inviting someone from Turning Point to your home for a meal. Need suggestions? Ask Pastor George.