The Moral Compass

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning I want to talk to you about navigating through this difficult world and using a compass. But the moral compass that our faith, our Christianity, should give us.
- The integrity of the upright will guide him. But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy him.

1 Christianity Is Radical

Acts 17:5–6; 1 Peter 4:3–4

- Christianity is not some passive organization or club that we're in. That Christianity is radical.
- These who have turned the world upside down, have come here too.
- They think it's strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.
- It's not just some little change in our life. It's not a change of title. It's radical transformation.

2 Christianity Is Pervasive

Romans 12:1–2; Colossians 3

- It is pervasive. It's going to invade every cell of our body. It's going to change everything about us.
- Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- When a caterpillar goes through the metamorphosis to become a butterfly, it doesn't become part butterfly and part caterpillar.
- It's going to affect every relationship you have. It's going to affect everything you do.

3 Our Moral Compass Directs Our Words

Colossians 3:9; 1 Timothy 5:13; Ephesians 4:29

- Do not lie to one another, since you've put off the old man with his deeds.
- Let your yes be yes and your no be no.
- Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting.
- I think Paul gives us the perfect definition of gossip saying things which they ought not.
- Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification.

4 Let Him Who Stole Steal No Longer

Ephesians 4:28; Romans 2:22

- Let him who stole, steal no longer. He's saying, Christians, don't steal.
- You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?
- It is possible in our minds to incorrectly rationalize immoral behavior.
- If I don't give what that employer is paying me for, then that's a form of stealing.

5 Flee Sexual Immorality

1 Corinthians 6:18–20

- Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.
- You were bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body and your spirit, which are God's.
- Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
- Don't live in this lofty, holier than thou world that thinks you are not prone.

6 The Moral Compass for Our Hearts

James 4:8

- This radical pervasive Christianity is the moral compass for our hearts.
- Becoming single-minded, pure in their thoughts, motives that would spill out into their actions and their words.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is Christianity just a part of who I am? Is it just a mild change? Or is my Christianity real?**

MY NOTES