



The Seven Checkpoints will serve as a foundation for all of our chapels, small groups, service projects, and classroom discipline this year... the foundation upon which we will be able to build students' lives. Just like a Lego 'grid' allows for stronger, taller builds, these Checkpoints will provide us the opportunity to truly develop the spiritual lives our students.

These Checkpoints represent our best attempt to become more focused and clear on what we hope to achieve and see accomplished at Christian Community School – and, more importantly, in the lives of our students! It is our goal that these 7 basic principles be understood, memorized and embraced by any student we have the chance to impact before graduating and entering adulthood.

Checkpoint #1: Authentic Faith

This checkpoint focuses on a correct understanding of faith. Confusion in this one area is the primary reason so many students abandon Christianity. True faith is confidence that God is who He says He is – and confidence that He will do everything He has promised to do.

Principle: God can be trusted; He will do all He has promised to do.

Critical Question: Do you trust God with the critical areas of your life?

Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5-6

Checkpoint #2: Spiritual Disciplines

The focus of this checkpoint is on developing a healthy devotional life. The apostle Paul says that true spiritual transformation begins with a renewed mind. Only as we begin to renew our minds according to the truths of Scripture will our attitudes and behavior begin to change.

Principle: When you see as God sees, you will do as God says.

Critical Question: Are you developing a consistent devotional and prayer life?

Key Passage: Romans 12:2

Checkpoint #3: Moral Boundaries

One of the most important things you can teach teenagers to do is to establish clear moral limits. They need to learn how to protect their bodies and emotions by honoring God's plan for sex and morality. That's the focus of this checkpoint. The depth of their intimacy with God and others is dependent upon it.

Principle: Purity paves the way to intimacy

Critical Question: Are you establishing and maintaining godly moral boundaries?

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

Checkpoint #4: Healthy Friendships

The people we associate with the most will have a direct impact on the decisions we make and the standards we choose. Healthy friendships build us up and draw us closer to God; unhealthy friendships bring us down and cause us to compromise what we know is right. This principle focuses on helping students build healthy friendships while avoiding unhealthy ones.

Principle: Your friends will determine the direction and quality of your life.

Critical Question: Are you establishing healthy friendships and avoiding unhealthy ones?

Key Passage: Proverbs 13:20

Checkpoint #5: Wise Choices

This principle focuses on the necessity of applying godly wisdom to the choices we make. Good decision making is more than simply choosing between right and wrong. We need to learn to ask, "In light of my past experience and my future dreams, what is the wise thing for me to do in this situation?"

Principle: Walk wisely.

Critical Question: Are you making wise choices in every area of your life?

Key Passage: Ephesians 5:15-17

Checkpoint #6: Ultimate Authority

Teenagers often view freedom and authority as opposing concepts. But the Bible teaches that true freedom is found under authority. This principle focuses on our need to recognize God's ultimate authority and respect the earthly authorities He has placed over us.

Principle: Maximum freedom is found under God's authority.

Critical Question: Are you submitting to the authorities God has placed over you?

Key Passage: Romans 13:1-2

Checkpoint #7: Others First

Selfishness comes naturally to teenagers (not to mention the rest of us!) Selflessness, however, must be learned. The Bible says that Jesus "made himself nothing" in order to serve the people He loved. He put the needs of others ahead of His own. This checkpoint focuses on the true nature of humility and service.

Principle: Consider others before yourself

Critical Question: Are you putting the needs of others ahead of your own?

Key Passage: Philippians 2:3-11

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