

Yes, it is possible! Yes, you can do it. You got everything you need. Now "Go!"

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As difficult as it may seem to our young people to live a life pleasing and acceptable to the Lord, I want to affirm the fact that it is so right and important, that it is definitely possible and can save you from a lot of regretful moments in the future.

We know that our young people are bombarded with a lot of influences both negative and positive and making the right choices seems to be more difficult than expected. Making a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ is not only the right choice but also the best.

I want to share a story of a young Christian from Aruba Colombia. Despite a murdering massacre by rebels of that country, God saved his life to minister to one of the rebels a few years later.

"It was early in the morning; about twelve of us were on a bus taking us to a banana plantation to reap bananas. Everyone was tired from a late night start and a difficult route, mostly uphill. On the bus were other young men, women, and a little girl (the daughter of one of the young ladies). Many of us tried to sleep on the way although it was a very bumpy and rough ride. Suddenly we were stopped by the rebels that were at war with the Columbian Government and asked to stand at the back of the bus. The driver was forced to drive twenty minutes further and then we were ask to get off the bus. Our hands were tied behind our backs and we were placed on our knees. My friend behind me was pleading for his life; I keep telling him he should plead to Jesus, but he continued until one of the rebels shot him. I then started to sing a worship song to Jesus 'Tu

Fedilidad'. I was then hit with the butt of a rifle. I was still conscious when a hail of gun fire rang out. I was shot in the leg and hip. While I was singing that song all I wanted to do was to tell that rebel who struck me about Jesus. I survived that massacre thanks to the mighty hands of God and was able to minister to that very same rebel while doing prison ministry. Now he has accepted Jesus and is sharing the Good News with me in the prisons of Colombia," - Alex

As a Christian it is not always a smooth ride. Sure we will have obstacles in the way, things may go very adverse to the pretty picture of the little brown church in the valley. Jesus said to Peter, "Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for you that your faith may fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

Let the testing, trials, and adverse circumstances convert us to what we ought to be in Christ and let our victories be testimonies of the faithfulness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"I exhort therefore that first of all, supplications, prayers intercessions, and giving thanks be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." - 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Let us all take a stand for Jesus now because we know that, "every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." - Rev. 5:13

Alex story can be viewed on you tube/V.O.M/Alex.