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Episode 55

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Topic: Young Adult Life Orientation (YALO) – Part 4 Youth Empowerment

WOAC will be addressing 23 questions presented by Youth, over Episode 52 and 56

Speaker	Topic
Angelina	1. How do you identify between a God thing which is good and not a God thing but is also good?
Murdel	2. How can you overcome temptation? (alcohol, drugs, porn, suicide)
Sharon	3. What is the need for attending church when people can just watch a livestream from home or watch the preaching's in their spare time? Instruction / Prophetic to the Youth
Babalwa	4. Inspiration to the Youth

1. Identifying a God thing versus a good thing:

Proverbs 21:2-3 -"Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts."

Proverbs 14. 12 "There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death."

Proverbs 28:26 "Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered."

Proverbs 3:7 "Do not be wise in your own eyes"

Isaiah 5:21 "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight!"

Daniel 11.32 "but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits"*

1 Corinthians 2:14 "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

Jeremiah 8.7-9 " "The wise men are put to shame, They are dismayed and caught; Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, And what kind of wisdom do they have?"

Psalms 37.23 "The steps of a *good(geber - strong, mighty, great)* man are [d]ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. **24**Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand."

Proverbs 3 19 "By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; 20by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew."

Philippians 4.13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

1 Corinthians 1:25 "For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Advice on how to identify God thing

Proverbs 16. 3 "Commit[b] your works (ideas, plans, your activities) to the LORD, And your thoughts (ideas, plans, activities will be aligned to God's will-therefore it) will be established."
As a man thinketh so is he – we go in the way of how we think…so God is saying when you commit whatever you doing to Him, He will realign your thinking to His will and it will be established as a God thing.
Scriptures to obtain Guidance to do the will of God

Teach me your paths (Psalm 25:4-5)

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Guided by God's word (Psalm 119:105)

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

He makes your path straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Your will be done (Matthew 6:9-10)
"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."

God's children are led by His Spirit (Romans 8:14) - For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

2. How to overcome temptations (addictions, drugs, porn, suicide)

Step 1 – Identify the sower of temptation:

Matthew 4.8-11
"The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." [8] Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. [9] "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." [10] Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'[e][11] Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. We learn from this that all temptation comes from the devil. Jesus was tempted with Pride, satisfying his flesh and suicide yet Jesus resisted every temptation the devil presented to him. Jesus knew the tempter was satan – so Jesus used the right tool "the word of God to resist the devil."

Step 2 – Repent, Gird up your armor (Grace and Spiritual armor)

Ephesians 6.12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places."*

Romans 8.1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Here Youth, you are telling the devil and assuring yourself that Jesus has forgiven you, and now He sees you as if you never sinned, so devil you cannot condemn me cause I have chosen to walk God's way and not fulfil your temptations presented

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." Here God is saying your works didn't save you from hell, my grace saved you, that same grace is going to help you overcome every temptation that the devil tempts you with. So please take my grace.

Step 3 – Clean your room (Body, Mind, Soul and place of dwelling)

Cleaning is washing yourself with God's Word, Worship, Pray

Matthew 4:4 KJV – "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.O how abundant is Gods goodness, which He had stored up for those who fear Him and work for those who take refuge in Him and in the sight of the Children of mankind. God is saying here, come to me, and you will have protection "refuge" is protection, care, love.

Step 4 – "As iron sharpens iron so a friend sharpens the countenance of a friend - Choose wise friendships

Proverbs 18:24 "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Ecclesiastes 4:10 "If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." (bad friendships pull you down)

Proverbs 22:24-25 "Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared."

Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

Proverbs 12:26"A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."