

Who Are You When No One is Looking?

It can be hard to be good. I mean, if you reach in your pocket at collection time, and pull out a \$1 and a \$20, no one sees the difference from a distance if you only drop that \$1 in the basket, especially if you fold it twice. If you walk past that trash on the ground and don't pick it up, well, no one saw you overlook it. If you get too much change back from the cashier who made an error, it's their fault, right? Besides, you are being over-charged for everything anyway! If I don't report ALL my earnings to Uncle Sam, well, I don't agree with those tax laws anyway and that extra cash is rightfully mine. It can be hard to be good.

I can be kind to Sue in person, but when Sue is not around, I can complain about her to my friends. I can be interested in spending time with Mike, until a better offer comes my way. It can be hard to be good.

I can prepare well for a test, or I can try to look at my neighbor's paper to help me get a better grade. It can be hard to be good.

If God shows you a video of your choices during your time here on earth, will the rating be "G" for Good Behavior or "W" for Wrong Choices? Just imagine, on your personal judgment day sitting with Jesus, who gave it all up for you and I. Imagine explaining your life choices. Just who are you when no one is looking?

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(This week's Counselor's Corner is inspired by John and Cheryl Ritter, who found a large sum of money on the STREET last weekend and went out of their way to find it's rightful owner. The owner was me. Thanks, John and Cheryl for being good, even when no one was looking.)