

Real World Skit

Two students discuss trying to fit in with the world versus living a life that pleases God.

Student 1: What a crazy ending to the movie! I wasn't expecting that.

Student 2: Let's stick around to see if there's an extra scene after the credits.

Student 1: I have another idea.

Student 2: What?

Student 1: Let's go next door and watch that show about the family who got stuck in Walmart overnight!

Student 2: I don't have any more money.

Student 1: So? We don't need a ticket. The show already started. We can just walk in and find an empty seat.

Student 2: That's not how it works. Every show needs a ticket.

Student 1: But no one checks. Come on. You don't have to be home for another three hours.

Student 2: Something tells me you've done this before.

Student 1: My new neighbors gave me the idea. They're cool. We've been hanging out A LOT.

Student 2: How many times have you done it—snuck into a movie without paying?

Student 1: This will be my third time. It's really no big deal. I use bad words from the movies now, too!

Student 2: *(gasp)* How much time have you been spending with these neighbors?

Student 1: I'm cooler now, right?

Student 2: That's not what I would call it. You used to call yourself a Christian.

Student 1: That hasn't changed. I'm just a Christian with style!

Student 2: You call sneaking into a movie and using bad language "style"?

Student 1: It's no big deal. God knows I'm not perfect, right?

Student 2: Something isn't right. Let me think.

Student 1: I realized a while ago that I couldn't be perfect, so I just decided to act like everyone else, then pray for forgiveness if I did something bad.

Student 2: That is definitely NOT how God wants us to live. Do you know what Jesus did in order to make a way for people to have the hope of eternal life?

Student 1: He died on the cross. Yeah. I've heard it all before. I believe. You know I repented of my sins and prayed to receive Jesus as my Savior. I tried to read my Bible after that, but life got busy!

Student 2: Well, let me ask you something about your neighbors. Do they know you're a Christian?

Student 1: I don't know. We only met a couple of weeks ago. They just moved in.

Student 2: Would they be surprised to find out you are a Christian?

Student 1: Maybe.

Student 2: Yeah, because you've been acting like you don't care at all about God.

Student 1: Why do you say that? Christians can't be cool?

Student 2: Sneaking into theaters and using bad language isn't cool, it's sin.

Student 1: Everyone sins. I'm no different.

Student 2: But you should be! Don't you know that you're a new creation in Christ? That means you should want to please God. And when you sin, you're sorry, so you repent and try to do better. You're calling sin "cool"! You know that the Holy Spirit came to live in you when you became a Christian, right?

Student 1: The Holy Spirit—God—lives in me? What does that do?

Student 2: He helps us by giving us power to stop sinning. One way he does that is by giving us a kind of sick feeling inside when we're about to sin—so we'll stop—then again after we sin, to encourage us to repent.

Student 1: I get that sick feeling a lot lately. I just try to ignore it.

Student 2: So do you want to keep sinning? Or do you want to live to please God? Because right now, you're living in rebellion. You say you're a Christian, but you're acting just like your non-Christian neighbors. Don't you want to be different?

Student 1: I don't know how! Praying doesn't help. I've tried that.

Student 2: When you prayed for forgiveness, were you really sorry?

Student 1: I guess not. I just wanted it wiped away so I could still go to heaven.

Student 2: Oh. Well, Jesus has forgiven you of your sin. And he wants to help you stop your pattern of sin.

Student 1: He can help me? I never even thought to ask for help.

Student 2: So you DO want to do better? Don't do it because I'm asking you.

Student 1: Yes. I want to please God, if I can figure out how, because of all he's done for me. I also feel bad that my new neighbors have no clue I'm a Christian.

Student 2: Then how about praying that the Holy Spirit will help you? You need the power he can give you to stop sinning.

Student 1: I need to start reading my Bible, too. Were there people in the Bible who messed up, but turned around and ended up doing great things for God?

Student 2: Oh, yeah—LOTS!

Student 1: Then that's what I want to do. No more trying to be "cool" to fit in with my neighbors!

Student 2: Sounds good to me!