



# Do you hear what I hear?

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Dear Beautiful GG (God-Seeking Girlfriend),

It was nearing 10:00 p.m. on a crisp, clear Friday night. The Jr. High teacher and his G.G. wife had spent an enjoyable half hour perusing the video store aisles. After negotiating endless possibilities they settled upon a DVD and headed home.

The lights cast a dim beam on the moderately traveled road. All of the sudden, they saw several young men messing around right in the middle of the street. The teacher, recognizing one of his students, rolled down his window.

“Hey John (not his real name), the middle of the street isn’t a smart place to be on a Friday night.”

Obviously not hearing his name called, John responded,

“You \*\*\*\*\* \*\* !!! Get \*\* \*\*\*\*\* here.”

The teacher rolled up his window, looked apologetically at his wife and drove home.

To reinforce the concepts “You are accountable for ALL actions” and “you never know who is watching” (a great reminder for teenagers), the following Monday at school, the teacher

recounted the story for each of his six math classes. He changed the name of the *not* so innocent boy so as not to embarrass him.

When it came time to tell the tale to *John's* class, *John* didn't seem interested in the narrative. As the story progressed however; *John's* eyes widened in surprise, then grew larger in horror, then closed in humiliation. He hid his head in his arms on the desk.

Busted! And in a big way!

**Is everything that comes out of my mouth pleasing to my *teacher*?**

**Do I sometimes behave in a different manner when in a different setting?**

**Do my peers encourage a behavior I do not usually exhibit? Or, who am I trying to impress?**

**Who sees all my seeming adolescent 'insignificant' bad behavior?**

**To whom am I accountable?**

**Which of my peers draws me to a higher place when around them? Why?**

**Am I the type of friend that encourages better behavior?**

### **Verses we can boldly pray:**

*"Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does." John 5:19 NIV*

*"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:15 NIV*

Beautiful one, Jesus is our example. Be encouraged!

### **Interactive Questions:**

1. Note a time in the last week when you would not have wanted our *Teacher* to see your action.
2. Ask Him for forgiveness. Receive His forgiveness.
3. Praise Him for the grace He has given you.
4. Ask a trusted sister in Christ to be an accountability partner.
5. Go to His Word for the answer.

After, the class ended, *John* quietly went to his teacher and apologized.

G.G.'s, this is what our Father desires for us. Apologize (repent), ask for forgiveness, receive God's forgiveness, and then allow His strength to change our hearts.

Beautiful One, our Teacher, our Father, desires the very best for us. He has given us a perfect example in Jesus. He has given us the Bible. You are precious in His eyes, always.



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