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- a. Pray and ask God to help me see the consequences my sin would ultimately conceive when fully-grown.

Colossians 3:25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

- b. Write it out honestly using the worst case scenario.
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James 1:16-18 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

- a. Have I \_\_\_\_\_ my relationship with Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

- b. Because of Christ I have the power to be \_\_\_\_\_ when tempted.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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