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«You are already clean, because of the word that I spoke to you» (John 15:3) 2012

One morning, since I didn't have to go to school, I took advantage to go downtown with a few friends.

When one of our group suggested we go to the movies, we all agreed.

As soon as we went in, I realized they were showing a movie that wasn't appropriate for us to see...

...So I left right away, without worrying about whether my friends would make fun of me.

THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP

I was so surprised to see that my friends followed me! They had all seen that it was a bad movie, but no one had the courage to take the first step.

(Raphael - France)



A question for Chiara:

Can you give us some advice on how to live purity?



The most direct route so as to be always pure is to stay on a supernatural level, and that means to love always and see Jesus in everyone. **This helps a lot!**

Think of the first Christians. When they felt tempted against purity, they ran to the Christian communities and their temptations disappeared. I know that you are living in the midst of the world and that many times, you are alone at school, and maybe you are the only one living the Ideal.

Sometimes, of course, you can't avoid contact with evil, because you walk along the street and see ugly posters or ads. Or you go into a theater and think you're going to see a good movie, and instead it's something you shouldn't watch.

Or maybe you turn on the TV and at a certain point, you realize something isn't right because your conscience tells you so. Or maybe at school another boy gives you a bad magazine.

In these moments what should you do?

When you find yourself faced with things that are not good and pure, you have to act as if they didn't exist. In fact, for you they don't exist! And in this way your will remain pure.



Experience...

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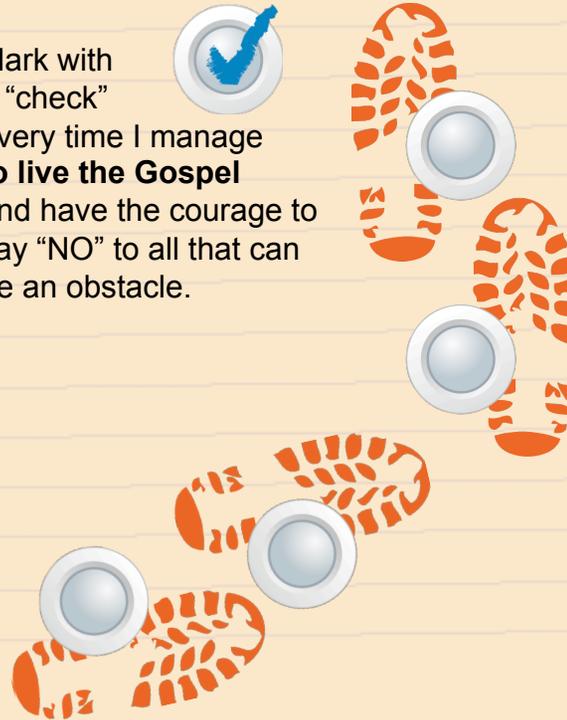
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{ My steps in
living the
GOSPEL }



Mark with
a "check"
every time I manage
to live the Gospel
and have the courage to
say "NO" to all that can
be an obstacle.



My Resolutions: