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It teaches us to make the words of Scripture part of who we are, not just something we reference when we’re unsure. In essence, it teaches us to point one direction in life- towards Jesus, towards God, towards eternal life in all we do. We can choose to point other directions, but it is in this one direction that Jesus calls us to live. If we live point towards Christ, we reflect His & the Father’s light into this world, and when things come up live confidently knowing we remained pointed one direction through this trial or that. What direction do you face most of the time? Grace to you.

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