

Gone Is the Guidance

In the introduction to *For the Strength of Youth*, the First Presidency says: “We promise that as you keep these standards and live by the truths in the scriptures, you will be able to do your life’s work with greater wisdom and skill and bear trials with greater courage. *You will have the help of the Holy Ghost.*”⁴ Another reason why we shouldn’t willfully sin and plan to repent later is because then we will lose the guidance of the Holy Ghost and the blessings that come from obedience.

For example, if a young man begins committing serious sins when he is sixteen, can he come back to full fellowship later in his life and still make it to the celestial kingdom? Yes, conditioned upon his repentance, it is possible! So why should this young man strive to not make mistakes and to avoid willful rebellion when he is sixteen? Because he will miss out on many blessings during his rebellious years, including the guiding influence of the Holy Ghost in making critical decisions.

Procrastination TEMPTATION

Don’t do your homework—
watch some TV!



Look at all the blessings lost! >
(See D&C 82:10)

Vertical lines = blessings



Horizontal line = the
straight and narrow path

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Curvy line = diversion from
the straight and narrow