

Prep for Post-Grad

Discussion Questions:

1. Consider these lists. How would you group them into categories?
2. After you group these items into categories, how do the lists compare between high school and college, and between college and post-grad?

The Biggest Surprises in College from High School

How expensive text books and meals are The diversity of people and their beliefs/actions Not as much free time Variety of people How fast it went by There's actual work no free time, schedule is very lax can't procrastinate everyone crams Koreans exist (diversity of people groups) Learn a lot about self and others from dorm living Not everyone drinks There's all kinds of people in college Girls are just as dirty as guys College goes by fast Lots of people are willing to study the bible/grow more	in Christ Harder to keep in touch with people Free time living with friends people change after 1 st year how difficult getting to know people caring/personable faculty meeting brilliant people people stay up late a lot 8am feels earlier than it is harder than expected to connect living with people is very difficult goes by really fast is not al idyllic and full of free time as I expected so many geniuses in the world amazing people galore
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I Wish I Knew Before College

Ways to save \$ Just what college was like Expect it to be hard Prepare to be humbled Live each day to the fullest, but make sure to rest Be on top of your work Read proverbs for wisdom College is hard Go to class Do your reading Peer pressure is real Very competitive Don't take naps How vital time management is Takes time to adjust	People change over the course of a year It takes time to invest in friends How to party!!! JK Wish you had listened to the person who was trying to give you tips or lessons about going to college There's no campus housing Not to play so many video games Get a single Sleep is important Don't get addicted to caffeine Get a job Expect it to be 3x as hard as high school Extracurricular activities suck up your time Pre- pare to suffer an ego-crush
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Post-Grad Different from College

Things People Like	Things People Loathe
Steady income	Taxes
Routine	Traffic
Independence	Routine
No homework	Work hours
Schedules/structure	Other people (co-workers, boss)
Weekends	Projects
No hw/studying	Stress level
Respect	Repetitive nature
Putting your education to us	Early rising
Money	Lack of energy
Set schedule	Recognition
Work stays at work	Unproductive co-workers
Pay	Lack of respect (Age)
No homework	Commute (traffic)
Respect	Sleep early
Money (sustenance)	Friends keeping in touch with them
Living on own	Can't meet for lunch (harder) repetitive
No hw	Lack of respect b/c they're young
Feeling fulfilled	More set schedules
	Paying back loans
	Coworkers
	Loneliness
	Monotonous

An Idol is an Idol in Any Age

Consider the struggles of the ancient Israelites coming out from Egypt and wandering in the wilderness.

- 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 prepare a way out so that you can stand up under it. (NIV)

Every temptation you have faced or will ever face is common to everyone else. You may have particular degrees of temptation or opportunities, but they are nonetheless shared by all.

- 1 Corinthians 10:12. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! (NIV)

Those that think, "Well, I don't struggle with that temptation," or think, "I probably won't struggle with that as much," are exhorted to humility and seek wisdom. It's at the moment you think you're standing firm that you'll have the biggest fall.

- 1 Corinthians 10:11. These things happened to them [the ancient Israelites] as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

These struggles have been with us since ancient days, and will continue to be with us until the Lord Jesus comes again.

We need humility. We need to heed the experiences, mistakes, and lessons of those older, more experienced, or wiser. We need to realize that the struggles we have now were the same ones we had when we were younger and the same struggles you'll have when you're older.

Examples:

1. money, possessions – In college you may struggle with feeling like you don't have enough. After college, you could still struggle with that. Or if you have a substantial income, then you'll struggle with what to do with your money.
2. purity – In college you may struggle with lust, purity, pornography, masturbation, going "farther" with your boy or girlfriend than you intend. Perhaps you think you it will get better after you leave college or get married?
3. self-worship – In college we may struggle with being selfish, difficult to get along with, serving others. When you work, does this struggle go away?
4. time management – In college you struggle with procrastinating on your assignments, work, projects, follow-through in tasks. In work, you may get certain tasks at work done, but will your discipline and self-management increase with greater responsibilities?