

# CRAFTING YOUR VISION FOR COLLEGE

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & THEIR CHILDREN



**WinShape**  
College Program

Before you begin crafting a vision together, go to the Lord in prayer that he will give you the wisdom and discernment to cast a fulfilling vision over the next four years, both from a parent's & a child's perspective.

God, grant us the foresight to listen & discern what it is you have for us in this new season. We thank you, Holy Spirit, that you comfort us and guide us in a loving and graceful way. Help us to honor you, Jesus, in all that we say and do, and for you to get glory in all things. We are excited to hear from you. Amen.

Now, let's begin by using the following guided prompts to drive your discussion together.

**Take some time to consider the types of people you'd like to surround yourself with in college.**



Being part of a like-minded community will be key. What do you want to make sure you prioritize in your community (relationships, church, location, etc.)? List at least 3-4 non-negotiables that you know you'll need to be emotionally and spiritually healthy.



Below describe the kinds of friends you hope to surround yourself with. How do they treat others? What are their goals? How do they spend their time? How do they make you feel?



Do you think you'll keep in touch with many of the people you've known during high school or do you hope to branch out and meet new friends? Also consider here any groups or types of people that you might want to avoid, either because they don't share your priorities or you know that they might derail you from success.



Consider joining groups. What kind of groups would you like to be a part of at church? On your campus? A fraternity or sorority?



Pursuing a church home is important, but it can feel overwhelming at times. It helps to think ahead of time about what you will look for in a church. Name the three most important priorities for you. (For example, you might really want a church with a booming college ministry, strong small group community, local missions outreach, sound biblical teaching, or global missions pipeline.)

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➤ Have you ever had a mentor? Would you consider pursuing a mentor who might be a step ahead of you? If so, where might you look for wise mentors who could help you grow? What would it look like to take the first step to get to know them?

➤ Now realistically consider the time you will have to invest in personal growth and community while you pursue your academic or career interests. Thinking through your answers to the questions above, if you had to pick 2 crucial priorities to begin with, what would those be and why? List them below.

