

## **Tough Questions**

### **Ready:**

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.” -- Psalm 139:23-24

### **Set**

Being on FCA staff, I have the opportunity to spend time with amazing leaders from around the world. One of my goals is to be a sponge and ask them as many questions as possible. However, few people maximize the opportunity to ask questions. Like the Chinese Proverb says, “One who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; one who does not ask a question remains a fool forever.” Asking the right questions in the right way at the right time can reveal powerful insight.

To better ourselves as Christian competitors, we must be willing to ask ourselves tough questions. This isn’t questioning yourself, but rather asking yourself questions. One is a matter of doubting, the other discovery. Here’s an example of some tough questions to start with. Let each question sink in before rushing to the next one.

### **Tough Questions Competitors Must Ask:**

1. Do I realize it is impossible to glorify Christ and myself at the same time? (*Compete with humility*)
2. Am I doing the things I expect of others? (*Compete with integrity*)
3. Do others experience God’s love through me? (*Compete with love*)

Let God have complete access to your heart. Allow Him to ask you tough questions like these and mold you more into the image of Jesus.

### **Go**

- Do you compete with humility, integrity and love?
- Do you ask yourself tough questions? If so, what?

### **Workout**

[Proverbs 1:5](#)

[Proverbs 9:9](#)

### **Overtime**

“God, I want to be a life-learner. Help me to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Give me a teachable spirit. Amen.”



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