

The Interview: Comprehension Questions

1. What are The Seven Deadly Sins? (p. 9)
2. According to Randall Smith, what do spankings teach children? (p. 10)
3. What does “Spare the rod, spoil the child” mean? (p. 11)
4. What three words does Randall Smith use to describe himself? (p. 17-18)
5. What cosmetic procedure does Randall Smith regret? (p. 25)
6. What does Randall Smith care about more than he used to? (p. 26)
7. Describe the snobs on Walton Hill. What happened between Randall Smith’s father (‘Daddy’) and Doc Henderson? In what way did the conflict between Randall Smith’s father and Doc Henderson contribute to the way Randall Smith grew up and raised his family? (p. 26)
8. What grooming tool does Randall Smith pull out of the pocket of his orange jumpsuit? How is the item symbolic of his views on having a moral compass versus one’s physical appearance? (p. 27)
9. What do the words, “I’m sorry” mean to Dad?
10. What prayer does Randall Smith often pray? (p. 30)
11. According to Randall Smith, in what ways has prison strengthened his faith in God?
12. What did Pastor Osteem help Randall Smith see? (p. 31)
13. In what ways has prison helped Randall Smith reflect on the role he plays in his own suffering? (p. 32)
14. What was going through Randall Smith’s mind prior to the start of the interview with journalist M.F. Clements of the Temecula Valley Voice? (p. 34)
15. What is the 12-step program — a part of Alcoholics Anonymous or AA for short — that Randall Smith adheres to? (p. 37-40)

16. Who or what is Randall Smith's motivation for not returning to prison as a repeat offender once he is released on parole? (p. 42)
17. What can families do to show support for their loved ones who are locked up? (p. 44)
18. What does Randall Smith do to pass the time while in prison? P. 46
19. What is the greatest piece of advice that Randall Smith has received his arriving at Temecula Valley Correctional and who did he receive the advice from? (p. 48)
20. Who is the first person that Randall Smith plans to visit once he is released from prison? (p. 53)