

Raising Teenagers for Christ

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Passage: 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 10-17

Main Point: Parents need to model godliness and teens need to follow in their example.

Case Study:

A teenager at your church wants to be more involved in church life, but his parents are not believers. They are alright with him attending Sunday morning worship, but do not want him involved in youth group, mission trips, or other outreach opportunities affiliated with the church. How do you counsel this teen?

The Word:

1. 2 Timothy 3:1-4 spells out a lot of attitudes that dishonor God. Which of these is the biggest temptation in your life?
2. What is Paul's remedy for combating the evil lures of the world in 2 Timothy 3:10-17?
3. Why is it important to know what the Bible says?

The World:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. How can we teach our teens to choose their friends wisely, but to still have a heart for non-believers?
2. What challenges do young people of the upcoming generations face? What barriers do we need to overcome to share the Gospel and be godly examples to them?
3. What obstacles do adults/parents put up that make it difficult for young people to share their faith with others?

The Application:

1. Read Galatians 5:22-26. Why is it important for you to walk according to the fruit of the Spirit around others? Why is there a warning in v. 26 to not become conceited?
2. In what ways would you like to see younger generations build upon the faith of your generation?
3. How will you encourage young people to walk in faith despite the temptation to be like their peers?

What Questions do I have for my Family Group?

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Key Cross References:

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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.