

HOW TO REACH AND TRAIN TEENS

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"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. 4:11&12

The future of our church is at stake.
We must teach, challenge and train tomorrow's leaders.
Proven guidelines must be followed.

- I. **GODLY DEDICATION:** Rom. 12:1
 - Consider the price - It will cost to win them.
 - Accept the challenge - They are the church of the future.
 - Lifetime pursuit - Never give up. (Souls for Jesus)
- II. **PERSONAL INTEREST:** Rom. 10:1
 - Genuine love - They starve for it.
 - Personal Involvement - They are all different.
 - One on one - Spend quality time with each.
- III. **PREVAILING PRAYER:** James 5:16
 - Personal daily intercession - Refusing to give up.
 - Personal involvement - Careful selection of those you want to help.
 - Prayer participation - Pray for them and with them.
- IV. **FAITHFUL EXAMPLE:** I Tim. 4:12
 - Unimpeachable testimony - Vital to your creditabiliy.
 - Unquestionable morals - Constant example of purity.
 - Teens must be led - You cannot push a chain.
- V. **GREAT PATIENCE:** II Cor. 6:4
 - Expect failure and disappointment - Learning takes time.
 - Keep your "Cool" - Be calm and understanding.
 - Never give up - Great difference in first response and growing character.
- VI. **CLEAR LEADERSHIP:** II Kings 10:16
 - Take Charge - Earn and expect their respect.
 - Lead the way - They will follow as you prove yourself.
 - Keep ahead of the pack - Stand tall and lead further.

VII. PROVEN TRUST: Phil. 2:15

Gain their confidence - Demonstrate your affection and interest in each.

Listen to their conflicts - Hear them out and be slow to answer.

Don't let them down - You can be sure others have.

Do not "blab" to others - Teens appreciate confidentiality.

VIII. TENDER AFFINITY: Eph. 4:32

Loving compassionate interest - Tears and genuine concern.

One on one tenderness - Anticipate their needs.

Put yourself in their shoes - Show understanding and credibility.

IX. PATIENT CORRECTION: I Sam. 15:23

Bible based direction - Strong chapter and verse standards.

Firm loving correction - Expect and require obedience.

Dispensed with impartiality - No favorites and excuses.

X. PERTINENT STUDY: II Tim. 2:15

Systematic Bible study - Practical youth guideline lessons.

Problem solving - Challenging daily vitamins for growth.

Scripture Appreciation - Daily devotions and memorization.

XI. YOUTH MEETING ACTIVITY: I Tim. 4:12

Carefully planned programs - Developmental and social.

Keep programs exciting - Meet the interests of your teens.

Strive for participation - Use their talents.

XII. SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: I Cor. 15:58

Challenge for service - Lifetime and perhaps full time service, starting now.

Develop talents - Discover and encourage them.

Arrange participation - Use them in church and youth outreaches.

Train soul winners - Organize witness opportunities.

Set their sights on a great Christian college - BJU

XIII. SOCIAL EVENTS: I Cor 10:31

Cultivate lasting friendship - Fun things to let off steam.

Eating events - Teens like to eat. (Yeah!)

Special times to counteract the world's involvements.

Main emphasis always kept on the spiritual and not social.

THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH DEPENDS ON OUR PRESENT YOUTH.

WIN THEM.....DEVELOP THEM.....ENLIST THEM.....PRESERVE THEM