

You Admit,
"I Care Deeply About Our Shrinking Church and
Its Future! My God is All-Powerful, But Where
Are The Tools He Wants Me To Use To Reach
Our Youth? And Then Where Do I Start?"



With Brief Showcase of:
**Teens and Mentors,
Preteens and More**

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**Employment, Making Friends
and Making Outreach Tools**

Today's Spiritless Dwindling Churches



1 It's heartbreaking to me, and I'm sure to the Lord, to see the church having no answer how to reach the hearts of youth; their tricks and tamborines reach the same dead ends that youth reach; having trusted in technology gaming and gabbing.



2 Our sanctuaries, sound rooms, offices, and pockets are lavished with the very latest in presentation and communication technology. But its God-Honoring use is never taught from the pulpit, or managed in business meetings.



3 Three generations are truly discarded gold as opportunities God has His heart set on merging to His glory. In love and compassion, these become a golden trio. (1)Tired tech trash, (2)tired silver-haired Christians looking for their harvest field, and especially (3)youth with strange appearances and trashed hopes.



4 Faith-based publishers continue to recook themes that are 'as old as dirt' and are considered by some as being fictitious, like cowboys and dinosaurs. The themes should connect with today's technology appetite having reached critical mass.

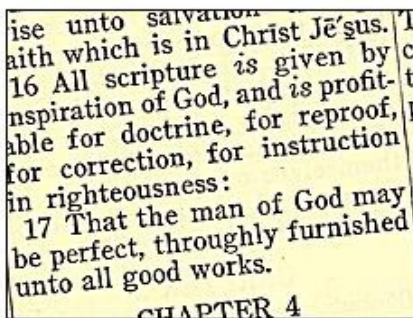
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- The Why and Where We Should Start



5 Toddlers to Twenty-somethings have never known a world without technology. Our outreach to them must have some technology flavoring.

In the pews, digital tablets are used instead of Bibles and hymnals



6 Through the pen of the Apostle Paul, God taught Timothy, the young church leader, the purpose and use of scripture using the word 'all' twice. As with all other areas of life, technology too, becomes a life-destroying spreading-virus when the cleansing blood of scripture is removed.



7 Technology, first and foremost, should bring scripture and God's heart closer to all generations and all peoples. The biggest challenge is providing resources that make the distinction between changing METHODS of outreach and the never-changing MESSAGE of the Gospel via the shed blood of Calvary.

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== Authority ==

#1 - Where Do I Start?

Where do I start? This answer is easy. It's always the same. **“SEEK YE FIRST...”** declares God's Word, in simple terms with Heaven's added **GUARANTEE!!** God's STEP ONE verse is “*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*” (Matthew 6:33) Plumb the richness of this directive and guarantee by feeding on the whole chapter 6.

No matter the obstacle or opportunity in front or inside you and I, start with God's precious infallible word, the Bible. **Why?** The psalmist says, “*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*” (Psalm 119:105) It teaches me about me (feet) and where I'm headed (path). **But isn't scripture dry, hard to undersand, and hard to swallow its directions?** Set your taste buds on what the psalmist says, “*Thy words are sweeter than honey to my mouth.*” (Psalm 119:103b)

I'll bet my problem isn't covered in the Bible 'cuz it was written for people long ago and far away. Sink your teeth into the Bible's description of itself, in 2Timothy 3:16, 17: “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (rules), for reproof (testing), for correction (discipline), for instruction (training) in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect (complete), thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*” (Notice the 'all scripture' and 'all good works'.) (Parenthese added).

Other scriptures tell us that God gave us the Holy Spirit to be our schoolmaster in scripture and spiritual growth. (John 16:13+) [~]

#2 – Take A Walk

Try an experiment. Take a quiet walk through each room in your church or meeting place. Touch each wall. Touch the chairs, tables, and other furniture – even the furnace and water heater. Imagine or remember the sacrifice and prayerful actions that produced those classrooms and the buildings themselves.

Realize that Satan wants to turn what you've just made contact with, into a vacant building; a monument to Christians that don't care, or are afraid to trust God at His Word.

This is actually the first step in the silver-haired generation understanding they are the best generation for reaching out to youth of every age. Go through the building again, but in a 'Prayer Walk' spirit. Ask God what you can do to step up to the plate and claim that “...*all these things shall be added unto you*” promise. Ask Him to show you that shunning the youth moves the process toward that vacant building, in which you now stand.

One important step is needed. For God to truly bless the prayer-led efforts in building your youth, you must get out of His way. That is, you must admit to Him and yourself that you can't do it. OH BOY! That's what He wants to hear from you, about you. 'Cuz when the victory comes... your braggin' bones can only point to Him.

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So far, we've seen that:

1. God is our START HERE point.
2. God's Word is full of promises and guarantees.
3. The silver-haired of the church have the most to lose or gain by the efforts or neglect of its youth.
4. First steps are small ones but require us to stand up and step up to the plate, with a, "here am I Lord, send me."
5. Admit that we cannot grow in size and spirit without our giving God His rightful headship in everything done. Impossible for me – piece of cake for Him! (In today's vernacular, the 'bread for us' in Numbers 14:9 means 'peace of cake' (for God).)

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== Appearance ==

#3 – It's Them! I'm Not The Problem!

But Our Church Youth Have been Leaving – What's Wrong With Them? Hint: Maybe the 'wrong' is not all with 'them'. When our skin feels cold, we look at the thermometer. It changes our understanding from feelings to fact – it tells us 10 degrees too cold etc. When we adjust the furnace control, the thermometer shows us the furnace is doing its job.

Taking Your Church Temperature

The youth of most every church are leaving and not returning, for a simple reason – the attitudes of the church are shunning them – it's cold to their needs and challenges in their present world. A church that truly cares about its future, needs to take its KID TEMPERATURE, throughout the whole building and its programs – on a regular basis too.

3.A - Kid Temperature Tips

In taking the kid temperature of your church, you must first see teens most often are visual feeders. Because their reading, writing, and typing skills are not always up to par, they go for the video/audio resources. Besides... video and audio is faster, louder, and flashier. They like to create things putting their own imagination to work. It's like they want their creation to have their stamp on it; that somehow says, "Hey. I'm no dummy!" They love challenges. Boys on games, girls on multitasking conversations and being the fastest 'news' reporters of their on-line network. Today it's a gigantic phenomenon called, "Social Networking." More specifically, boys like loud, messy, high energy, construction, and competition. The girls like feelings, fashion, communication, and companions.

Just as important, we must fathom the information tsunami our youth entered when they were born. This is tough for us silver-haired seniors to come to grips with. Right now, there is more than 1 hour of video (free) uploaded to the Internet's YouTube EVERY SECOND. In that same second there are 3,500 photos uploaded to Facebook. When it comes to geography, the Internet can show you roads and scenery on any spot on our planet. Machines follow commands we speak to them, and go places no man has ever gone. This means we need to be wise and caring in the type of 'kid thermometer' we use. We can't begin its use without deep caring prayer and trusting God's promises in scripture.

3.B - Kid Temperature – First Impressions

Our church walls should tell visitors, even before words, our hunger for spiritually nurturing our youth. Colorful posters, contest progress, upcoming events to spur the inviting of their friends to church. Even the arrangement of chairs and tables

should indicate that classes are not the mechanical lecture and story agenda of each week. Classrooms should include small discovery corners where youth, even teens, can group and discuss God's handiwork in creation and their own lives.

3.C - Kid Temperature – M and Ms

What does it tell you when a church youth curriculum or Vacation Bible School theme is built around dinosaors or stagecoaches? Though painful, the church must realize these two objects, among others are the farthest from the hourly thoughts of youth today. These themes are patterned around the curriculum used half a century ago. The problem is that church youth planners are afraid to separate the MESSAGE of the gospel from the METHODS used to teach.

3.E - Kid Temperature – Their Smarts Are Greater

To be very honest, our youth today are smarter than we give them credit for. Church youth planners assume the 'bible stories' taught to beginners will build strong enough character, no further solid principles need to be taught. When the church tries to feed teenagers 'milk' stories, they are turned off, and leave. That's not rocket science. Invite teens to planning meetings – ask them for their ideas. Do we think the Holy Spirit only leads ADULT Christians?

3.F - Kid Temperature – Prayer

Imagine you are a young person in your church, listening to prayer requests, week after week, or reading the list printed in the bulletin. You continually hear requests for health issues, sometimes even of a minor nature. But NEVER do you hear of the spiritual needs of youth, their classes, projects or leaders. Include a missions bulletin board that features youth missionaries and evangelists that are teens themselves. [~]

== Action ==

#4 – Up Front, Needing Our Support

The event recorded in Exodus 17:12 reminds us that leading God's people is an exhausting task that must be steadfast. The great man of God that Moses was, he still got tired, even where the lives of soldiers were at stake.

Your church or group leader probably is not in Moses' category but tires out just as fast. They need our deep and frequent prayer for their leadership. Moreso, Hebrews 13:17 says they will have to answer to God for how they've led their sheep – that's you and I, young or old.

The pastor or group leader must describe the vision of nurturing today's youth that will become the decision makers in the future. He must show God-led determination in unity, to love the youth, as God does, in word, attitude, and deed. We must promote our leader's vision and plan, and encourage others to do the same; especially in business and planning meetings.

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We Introduce You To The

== ChurchKids Mega Library ==

This START HERE resource is an introduction to a vast on-line library of freely downloadable resources for reaching each age group of youth having a variety of attitudes. The library, often in short story format, shows how to reach out to youth – where they are, with little or no budget. While most of the tools show silver-haired seniors how and why they are the best suited for mentoring the youth, the computer flavoring is never intimidating and seldom required.

The library is at **ChurchKids.org**.

The following first group **Tuning UP Teens** for Teens and their Mentors are identified as
(Ed)uventure, (Ws) Workshop,
(Ch) Case Histories, and (Pu) Puzzles.

More Than Conquerors is the second group that is mostly for Preteens.

Then follows resources for Employment,
Making Friends, and Making Outreach Tools

Many of the following resources
are awaiting just a touch of edit
polish, before their full release.

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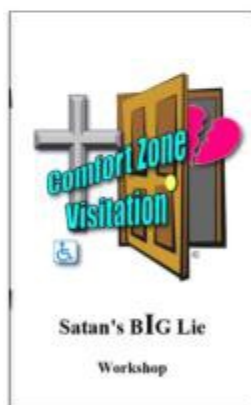
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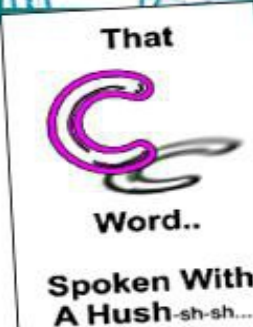
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His soon sure return,
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O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come. Psalm 71:17, 18

These materials and much much more can be found at

ChurchKids.org

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The Most Important Question of Your Life...

**If you died tonight, do you KNOW
if you'd go to heaven?**

The Easy Steps to KNOW for Sure:

== A == Acknowledge you are a sinner

ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

**== B == Believe the shed Blood of Jesus Christ is the only
way to be saved.**

The wages of sin is death* but the GIFT of God is eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

**== C == Confess to God you know you are a sinner and call
upon Him to come into your heart.**

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be
saved. Romans 10:13

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