

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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"We can reach Mars with rovers. We reach some of the deepest secrets of the human body. But how do we reach the hearts and dreams of our youth?"

Well, clear solutions exist, with guarantees included !



To Find Out How

My Labor of Love

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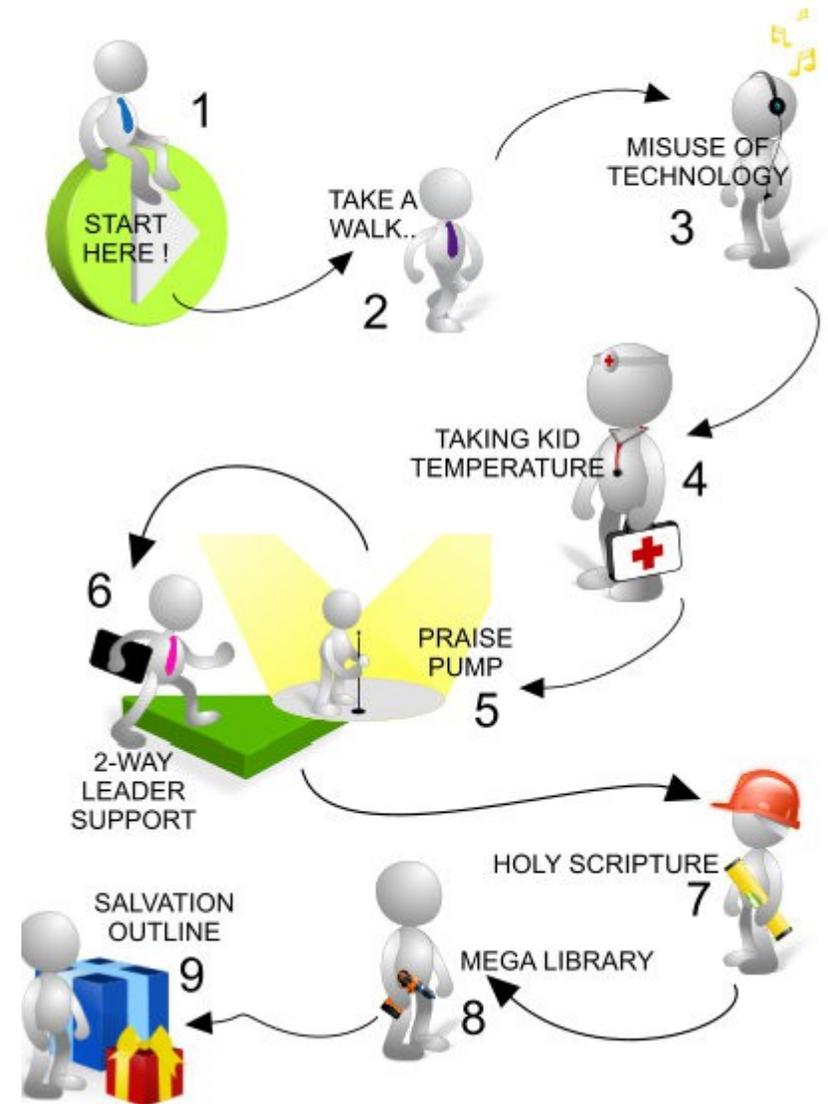
O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come. Psalm 71:17, 18

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Stepping Through the Following Pages, into the Hopes and Prayers of Youth Everywhere



#1 – Start Here!

Where do I start? This answer is easy. It's always the same. God's Word shouts **“SEEK YE FIRST...”** in bold 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 of Matthew.

No matter what the obstacle or opportunity in front or inside you is, start with God's precious infallible word, the Bible. **Why?** The psalm writer tells us, *“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”* (Psalm 119:105) It boldly teaches me about myself (feet) and where I'm headed (path). **But isn't scripture dry, hard to undersand and then to follow its directions?** We further learn from the psalm writer, *“Thy words are sweeter than honey to my mouth.”* (Psalm 119:103b)

The opinion, **“I'll bet my problem isn't covered in the Bible 'cuz it was written for people long ago and far away,”** couldn't be more wrong. 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), throughly 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+) [~]

Puzzle Partnering

You've been wanting to share your faith in Jesus Christ and His Salvation message with someone close by. But you're not sure of a good way to begin. That person may be a fellow traveler, a family member, a person you work, study, or just hang out with.

In the middle of one of your puzzles, tell that person, *“I could sure use your help finding this word... have ya got a second?”*

Become partners in finishing the puzzle as you both read the scripture to complete the word and then find it in the letter maze.

Over 900 more puzzles covering all of New Testament and much of the Old Testament are on line for free download.

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Our view of life

is often like a puzzle, like the jumble of

letters in these search duo-puzzles. We can't see any picture, or a path, or even a START HERE, where we can take our first step. There seems to be no THIS WAY UP, or THIS WAY OUT.

And sometimes we make a decision too fast and make the whole puzzle of life even worse. I've done that, you've done that. The puzzle becomes painful more each day, when we see others watching us, looking for us to lead them ...

When others try to give us advice, there seems to be gaps in that advice, that keeps us from having any confidence or comfort down deep in our hearts. That advice of others is like the word list that has gaps that have to be filled in to grow and be good leaders to others.

Before you even look at the puzzle, read the page of scripture slowly during some quiet moments.

John 1: 1-20

1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 ¶ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 ¶ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? 20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. end}

#2 – Take A Walk

Try an experiment. Take a quiet walk through each room in your church or meeting place. Touch each wall. Slowly 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.

Visualize yourself as being one of the 12 spies with Joshua and Caleb, that surveyed the land that God had promised them. The land was filled with giant challenges and giant fruits. But God promised He'd be with them every step of the way.

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 needed by the silver-haired generation in understanding they are the best generation for reaching out to the 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 make that “...all these things shall be added unto you” promise be yours. 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 yourself; your own way.

That's what He wants to hear from you, about you. He wants to use your hands, feet, and lips in His plan. Because when the victory comes... your braggin' bones can only point to Him. You can totally fulfill the shortest chapter in the Bible: Psalms 117. You can clearly praise Him as the One that brings victory, when we yield ourselves to Him. [~]

#3 – Misuse of Technology by the Church



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.



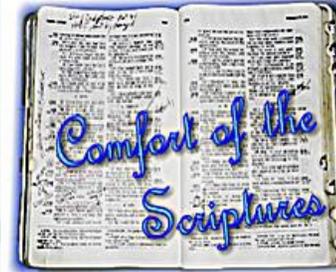
3 Three generations are truly discarded gold as opportunities God has His heart set on merging to His glory. In love and compassion, these become a golden trio. (1) Tired tech trash, (2) tired silver-haired Christians looking for their harvest field, and especially (3) youth with strange appearances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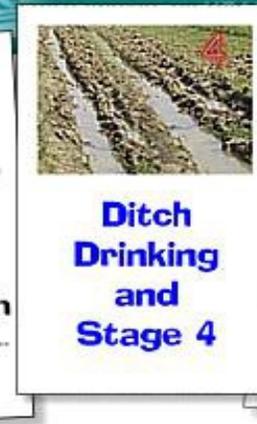
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So far, we've seen that:

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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#4 – It's Them! I'm Not The Problem!

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 Our Temperature

The youth of most every church are leaving and not returning, for a basic clear reason – the attitudes of the church are shunning them. The church and other youth ministries are 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.

4.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. Boys nor girls like lectures & sitting still.

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. Technology can now be purchases that allows the wearer to take your picture with a blink of an eye, without you knowing it. Your cellphone and the cable companies know where you take your phone and when. 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.

4.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 should 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

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include small discovery corners where youth, even teens, can group and discuss God's handiwork in creation and their own lives.

4.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.

4.D - 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?

4.E - 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. [~]

#5 – The Praise Pump

Praise Pumps are severely lacking in churches today, which the spirit of youth are starving for. Youth HEAR adult Christians speak about God's watchcare and love. They hear grownups sing hymns with praise verses. But there is no spirit of enthusiasm in it.

When the leader asks for praise and prayer requests, almost all declarations are for medical needs, filling half of the class period. The leader specifically asks for praise and the room becomes a dead silence. Or maybe the 'praise' would be about a medical need met. Clearly, adults have lost the ability to praise the Lord for all His goodness. Youth are turned off by the hypocrisy of so-called Christian adults. [~]

#6 – Leader Support is a Two Way Street

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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#7 – Change is Everywhere... except....

Changes happen so fast and often there is no way we can keep up with it all. And a change over here, causes several changes over there. Then tomorrow it all changes again. The technology gadgets man makes continually need fixes, updates, and enhancements. Before the new changes are in production the changes are obsolete.



Adults can't comprehend the mindset of youth that have never lived in a world without computers; even calculators. Yet this ever-changing technology met them the day they were born. Our ministry to them HAS to include some measure of technology – whether hands on, or spoken.

Each of the Reaching Youth booklets includes a revision letter at the bottom of each page. Revisions are necessary here too. But one place revisions are not needed. God's Word, our Bible never needs changed. In fact, the last few verses warn us against changing scripture. This gives us great assurances in its guiding truths and principles.

More than that!... God the Father gave us the Holy Spirit to comfort us as He (Holy Spirit) teaches us how to apply the riches of the inspired printed Word. Its truths are like milk to start with. As our muscles grow, so does our spirit and we begin feeding (not just reading) daily on meaty truths. As we mentor youth, go slowly and deliberately. 1Corinthians 14:40 tells us, "let all things be done decently and in order." [~]

#8 – We Introduce You To The Reaching Youth 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 **ReachingYouth.net**

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

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

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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