

## Tips for Teaching Teenagers the Bible

### I. Introduction

A. Background of self and motivation (2 Peter 2:4-5)

B. Not an expert, but I have some experience (good and bad!)

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 22:6)

D. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 16:15-16)

E. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:17)

F. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:33)

### II. Teenagers Have Undeveloped Brains!

A. Research has shown the brain is still developing until approximately age 21

B. Truth be told, your students are still maturing and will act accordingly

C. Expect a wide range of roadblocks in your classroom, but don't take it personally (like I do!)

D. Don't give up, be patient, your message/the word of God will have an impact; parable of the sower (Luke 8:4-8)

### III. Understand the Responsibility and Privilege You Have Undertaken!

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (James 3:1-2)

B. Teaching requires:  
1. Dedication  
2. Preparation  
3. Positive Demeanor  
4. Knowledge

### IV. Don't Be Ashamed!

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:16)

B. Don't underestimate your influence/example as a teacher; believe it, teach it and live it!

C. Hypocrisy is a tool Satan uses (Matthew 6:5-15)

D. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:7-8)

E. Realize all of us were taught by someone, and we should be eager to return the favor!

- V. Start at the Beginning by Establishing the Authority of the Scriptures
- A. Always establish/reference the authority the Bible (and the Bible alone) has over us in this life and the next
    - 1. Teenagers have many diversions, especially peer pressure
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:4-5)
  - B. The Bible is as applicable today as it always was and must be adhered to
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 1:3)
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 3:16)
- VI. Don't be Afraid, They Won't Bite! (usually)
- A. Expect disruptions in the classroom
  - B. Expect uncomfortable questions
  - C. Expect disciplinary issues
  - D. Expect to motivate students to learn
- VII. Don't be a Politician!
- A. Don't be shy - take charge! (or they will)
  - B. Don't avoid the "hard topics" - everything is fair game
  - C. Give direct, Bible based answers (book, chapter and verse)
  - D. Don't give wiggle room for Satan to squeeze in (I Peter 5:8)
- VIII. Do your Best to be your Best!
- A. Teenagers no longer respond to the "lecture" format of teaching
  - B. Electronics are prevalent in today's culture and learning environment
  - C. Don't be afraid to interact with students using:
    - 1. Group activities
    - 2. Games
    - 3. Role playing
    - 4. Electronics (PowerPoint/movies)
    - 5. A quick pace due to their short attention spans
- IX. Conclusion
- A. You will grow spiritually as a teacher (I promise!)
  - B. Realize Noah taught for approximately 100 years and ONLY saved those in his own household (that's nothing to be ashamed of!)
  - C. You are doing a good work God will reward you for later (Proverbs 11:25)