

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)