

Lesson Notes:

Raising Godly Teens

Teens are bombarded today with temptations from television, internet and at School. Today has to be the most challenging time in which to raise a Godly teen. Following are biblical principles for raising Godly teens.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **They need to understand that God has a Purpose for their Life. – Romans 8:28** Romans 8:28 tells us that all things work together for the good of those that love the Lord.
- 2) **In the parable of the men given talents (Matthew 25:14-28) Christ teaches us the importance of planning ahead and investing your talents to reach your future rewards.** - Teens need to be taught at an early age that in order to get where you want to go you have to plan ahead and invest your talents wisely.
- 3) **Proverbs 13:20 and 1 Corinthians 15:33 tells us that we must choose our friends wisely as a bad influence can lead to our destruction and destroy our character. Our teens must choose their friends and acquaintances wisely.**
- 4) **Paul tells us in Ephesians how a man should love his wife then in his letter to Titus he exhorts a woman to love her husband and honor him.** - A teen needs to see the love his father and mother have for each other so that he/she can build his/her home on a foundation of Love and Jesus Christ. – **Ephesians 5:25-33; Titus 2:4-5**
- 5) **Paul tells us in Colossians 3:21 not to be bitter to our children but encourage them in our ways.**
- 6) **David tells us in Psalm 34:11 to teach our children in the ways of the Lord. Isaiah 38:19 tells us to tell our children how faithful we are to the Lord.** - We need to encourage our children at an early age to be faithful to the Lord.
- 7) **Proverbs and the Apostle Paul speaks directly to our teens encouraging them to seek the wisdom of their father and mother. – Proverbs 1:8; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20**
- 8) **Don't be afraid to Reward your Son or Daughter for a Job well done. In the Story of the Prodigal Son the father rewards him when he returns. – Luke 15:20-24**
- 9) **Finally prayer for your Teen. – James 5:16**

