

WHY WE LOSE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE! Proverbs 22:6

Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:15

INTRODUCTION:

We should not sell our young people short today. We should not judge the few by the many. We should tip our hats to good young people in the "midst of a crooked generation."

THIS PRESENT GENERATION

1. What young people today face:

1. Facing the "hippie" age. The mini-skirt age.
2. The age when violence is condoned in high places. *However we have never had more*
3. A world gone mad after sex and sexology.
4. The Marijuana age, the LSD age, the drinking age. *Education and less sense than today*
6. In this age young people are faced with a school environment that has become a battleground rather than a training ground.

1. **In many instances young** people must face up to teachers who have no faith in or concern for God.

WHY DO WE LOSE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

1. We lose them because of the glaring, wide open gap between what we "say" and what we "do." This boiled down simply means; the difference between "what we preach" and "what we practice."

EXAMPLES: We preach:

1. "See ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. But young people note:
 1. Many putting materialism first always.
 2. That if parents talk at all they talk much more about making money than about how to keep and enjoy good relationship with the Lord
2. Young people hear us preach, "The poor shall have the gospel preached to them." Matt. 11:5.
 1. They watch many congregations, preachers and elders, neglect preaching to the poor. They have watched many sell meeting houses because the neighborhood had become poor, move out into richer neighborhoods: forget the poor, the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf, and the spiritually dead all because they are poor.

INTRODUCTION:

We should not tell our young people about Jesus. He should tell them the law by the many. We should tell our kids to get young people in the "midst of the crowd generation."

THE PROBLEM WITH THE "MIDST OF THE CROWD" GENERATION:

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EXAMPLES. We preach, continued:

3. Young people hear us preach about love. John 13:35
 1. We rightly teach:
 1. We preach that we should love the brethren and even our enemies. Matt. 5:44; John 13:35
 2. What they hear at home and elsewhere.
 1. The dinner table becomes an autopsy slab on which the preacher, elders, deacons, or any other unfortunate may be dissected, branded as a no good.
4. Young people hear us preach and teach on giving: and they should.
 1. We teach the truth on:
 1. On Jesus' statement in Luke 6:38.
 2. On Jesus' teaching in Acts 20:35. "It is more blessed to give than receive."
 3. On Paul's statement in 2 Cor. 6-8.
 2. What the young people do not hear in the home but see in the church services.
 1. In the home they never hear papa and mama discussing about how much they can give to the Lord out of their weekly earnings.
 2. (1) They may hear them talk about how little can we give.
 - (2) They may often hear papa and mama talk about "how much" they can invest in stocks in order to make more money.
 2. What they do see and hear:
 1. They see papa and mama give less to the Lord in a whole year than they may spend on just one week-end outing trip.
 2. They see papa and mama careful to pay their bills that come while they are out of town...but they never hear them talk about making up the contribution they missed over the week-ends.
5. Young people never hear any serious talk from papa and mama about needed preparation in order to go to heaven when they die.
 1. The old Negro who did not think that Massa had gone to heaven because he never heard him talk preparation to go in contrast to his much talk about preparation to go other places.
6. Finally: They see papa and mama and others, so careless about their attendance.

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