

# 10 CHALLENGES FACING CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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The youth in our nation are facing amazing challenges. Christian youth are among those who are facing the greatest challenges in our country. In an article titled, *What are the 10 Biggest Challenges Christian Youth Face Today*, posted on Search the Scriptures (3-15-12), Drew Kuehl wrote these answers:

1. Personalizing and living out their faith.
2. Living in an anti-Christian culture.
3. Sexual purity in a society where pressure and temptation exists.
4. Personal identity and self-image issues.
5. Divorce and family issues.
6. Busyness (Always involved in something).
7. Absence of father figure.
8. Negative media influence.
9. Lack of discipline.
10. Materialism.

As you view this list what is your response? How would you compare it to your observations relative to the challenges Christian youth are facing today? If possible take some time and survey youth in your congregation to see what they think. Ask the youth in your home. Knowing the challenges is not enough; it is a starting place. We must prayerfully work on finding practical and biblical solutions. Spend some time asking young people what they think are possible solutions.

Christian youth of today must not only be taught God's word, they must be mentored in ways to apply the word to their lives. They must be inspired to live more like Christ, remembering Jesus is the model (Luke 2:48-52). Training youth in what it means to be excellent will equip and inspire them to be excellent leaders in the future.

Christian youth must be taught HOW to be *DOERS OF THE WORD* (James 1:21-26); not just how to come and sit an audit the Bible classes and training sessions. Youth need to be taught

how to set and reach meaningful spiritual goals. Ernest Hemingway wrote, *The error of youth is to believe that intelligence is a substitute for experience, while the error of age is to believe experience is a substitute for intelligence.*

How will you intentionally use this lesson to help Christian youth grow in Christ-likeness and involvement in ministry?