

Young People



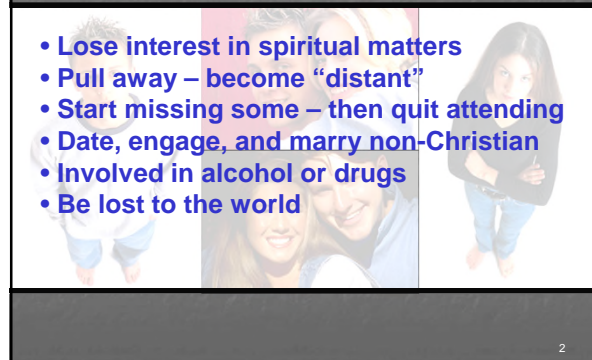
**Ultimately Will We Lose Them
To The World?**

Deuteronomy 6:4ff; Exodus 12:24ff; Joshua
4:20f; 24:15ff;

Judges 2:10

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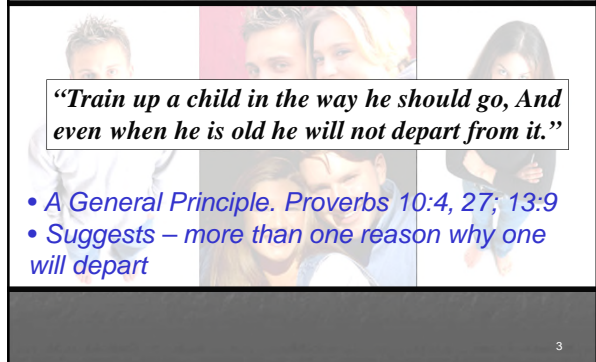
Not Uncommon For Young People



- Lose interest in spiritual matters
- Pull away – become “distant”
- Start missing some – then quit attending
- Date, engage, and marry non-Christian
- Involved in alcohol or drugs
- Be lost to the world

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Proverbs 22:6

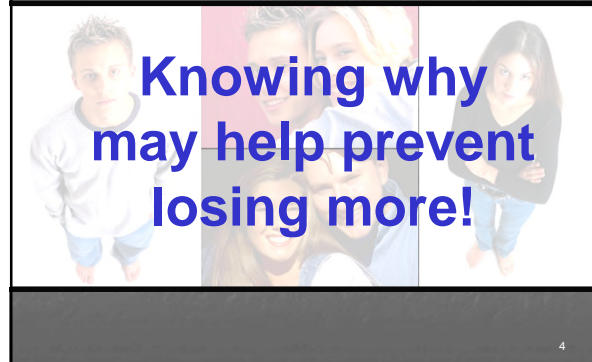


*“Train up a child in the way he should go, And
even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

- A General Principle. Proverbs 10:4, 27; 13:9
- Suggests – more than one reason why one will depart

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Why?



**Knowing why
may help prevent
losing more!**

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A. Warnings

1. Proverbs 1:10-19
2. Proverbs 12:26
3. Proverbs 22:22-25
4. 1 Corinthians 15:33

**The Warnings
Tell Us**

1. Power of friendship
2. May or may not see it
3. Where it could lead

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A. **Warnings**
 B. **How It Happens**

1. Gradually drift (Hebrews 2:1)
2. Desensitized to sin (Psalms 1:1)
3. Pressure mounts when outnumbered (Exodus 23:2, 33; Romans 12:2)
4. Easily become like them (Proverbs 23:20-21)

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A. **Young People Learn From What They See**

1. General principle (Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Timothy 4:12)
2. Become like parents (Proverbs 20:7; Ezekiel 16:44)
3. Actions speak louder than words.

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II. Poor Example – of their Parents

A. **Young People Learn From What They See**
 B. **Young People Often See Parents Who**

1. Didn't go to Bible class
2. Didn't go on Sunday night
3. Didn't go on Wednesday night
4. Miss a lot when "don't feel good"
5. Miss a lot for work
6. Emphasized material over spiritual
7. Emphasized on school over spiritual
8. Tired with worldliness

Don't Be Surprised When They Turn Out Just Like You!

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A. **Strong / Impressive Image Is Powerful**

1. Learn the Bible – understand it. (Ephesians 3:3)
2. See it in action in others around them. (1 Thessalonians 1:6-8)
3. See conviction and strength. (2 Timothy 1:12)
4. Know that sin is not tolerated. (1 Corinthians 5)
5. See people who love and respect one another (Romans 12:10)

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III. Weak Image – of the Church

- A. Strong / Impressive Image Is Powerful**
B. Weak Image Too Many Young People Give?
1. Preaching weak or hard to follow (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:1)
 2. Teaching in classes unprepared / "no clue" (1 Timothy 4:13)
 3. See hypocrisy in the members (Ephesians 2:1)
- See grumbling about one another (Galatians 5:15)

What Kind Of Image Would This Give?

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- A. Training young people requires high standards**
1. Ephesians 6:1-4
 2. Proverbs 22:6
 3. Deuteronomy 4:9-10

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B. Common Lax Standards
1. Little corrective discipline in younger years (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14)
 2. Careless in watching: (Wear, music, movies, TV, who with, where go)
 3. Do Not make sure have Bible lessons prepared
 4. Little communication to teach (Proverbs 29:15)

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- A. Can't Fulfill Responsibility Without Time**
1. Takes time to be an example
 2. Takes time to teach them
 3. Takes time to help through problems
 4. Takes time to understand them
 5. Takes time to communicate
 6. Takes time to build a relationship that lasts

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V. Little Time – as a Family

A. Can't Fulfill Responsibility Without Time

B. Redeeming time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

1. Make wise use of time
2. Sad when grow up – have no time for parents

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V. Little Time – as a Family

A. Can't Fulfill Responsibility Without Time

B. Redeeming time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

C. Often Too Busy To Train Children

1. To eat together
2. To talk about the other's day
3. Go somewhere as a family
4. Help a teenager through some problems

It takes time to: Study, Worship, Teach, Visit, etc.

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