

# Teaching the Next Generation the Absolute Truth

***Whatever happened to Truth?***

**Deuteronomy 11:19 and Psalm 78:3-7**

**Evangelicals have not done well communicating the truth to the next** \_\_\_\_\_

- 66% lie to teachers and parents
- 33% cheated in exams with last three months
- 11% had been drunk
- 10% used illegal drugs
- 20% had tried to physically hurt another person
- 40% of church kids did not believe their faith can be objectively shown to be true
- 21% do not believe it matters what faith you have
- 55% of church kids had been involved sexually

*Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **Deuteronomy 11:19***

*Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.*

**Deuteronomy 11:20-21**

*what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. **Psalm 78:3-4***

*He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. **Psalm 78:5-6***

*Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. **Psalm 78:7***

**Teaching the Next Generation the Absolute** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why aren't we doing this effectively?
2. How can we do it better?

## **Why aren't Evangelical Christians Communicating Truth to the Next Generation More Effectively?**

- 1. We Underestimate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the World**
- 2. We are afraid of being labeled, “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**
- 3. We don't want to be \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves**

## **What can Christians do to Communicate the Truth More \_\_\_\_\_ to the Next Generation?**

- 1. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our younger children with Biblical truth early**

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:9, 11*

- 2. Provide our young people with a truth \_\_\_\_\_**

### **How to determine right and wrong**

1. What does the Bible have to say?
2. You pray about it
3. Talk with a mature Christian about it
4. Follow your conscience

### **Obedying God's commands is for our own \_\_\_\_\_**

*They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them. Jeremiah 32:38-39*

- 3. Remember the Value of \_\_\_\_\_**

- 4. Be Involved with Community \_\_\_\_\_**

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1*

## 5. Model Integrity \_\_\_\_\_

*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place* **Ephesians 6:14**

### **Character is caught, not taught**

“You’re not the exception, you are the example.”

## 6. We have to Love them \_\_\_\_\_

*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.* **Ephesians 4:15**

“Love without truth is sentimentality. Truth without love is dogmatism. But speaking the truth in love, that’s Christianity.” —John Stott

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* **John 14:6**

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