

The moral regression of our world's generation

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Any parent wishes to shelter their youth from the evils of our cruel world, and many do so with the institution of church, prayer, and Godly reprove. However in our progressively impious society, many teenagers often misconstrue this loving gesture for meddling, with the goal of total subjection unto parental authority. It is with the strong dislike of handing ones freedom unto those who are able to act freely, that teenagers are now engaging in sexual promiscuity-among other libelous acts-and handing over their values to the “prince of the air” through their acquiescence to his media pollutants. In doing so they are separating themselves from the direction of their parents and ultimately the will of God. Satan knows with great assurance the power of his influence in the media, and because of his aggressive hate for Christians he is trying to exterminate their children. This is presented repetitiously as the rate of teen homicides and suicides are greater than they were in the last fifty, thirty, or even ten years. My peers have truly transformed into the renowned rebuke that we are a “perverse and crooked generation” (Deut. 32:5). However, Christians are not willing to surrender their children to Satan. Therefore the battle of the media versus Christians has reached its boiling point, and my peers and I are subject to its outcome. However, the battle is already won, for through Jesus Christ, this generation has already prospered, but we need to present this to the masses, for it is an essential in staple Christian living.

The sexually decadent media has set the world’s economy ablaze with new markets to invest in. Television programs are consistently looking for the biggest demographic to exploit with their shows, and consequently teenagers today are the biggest generation in the world. So, therefore, it is only natural that television seeks to exploit the emotions and innocence of the teenager with their spiritually harmful material. Branching off from such media is the growth of homosexuality. The bible clearly states God’s opposition on this category, as it says “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with

womankind: it is abomination.” (Lev. 18:22). Nonetheless, programs are still inclined with the need to mass produce the idea that “it’s okay to be gay”. With this obscure vision of homosexual acceptance, young men and women are missing their purpose on this earth, diverting from the path so set by the Lord, to observe other practices. Sadly, their decision can only lead to AIDS, a combination of STDs, and an avoidable loss of purpose, sometimes sprouting suicide. The decline of christianly households has added to the devastation of the teenager making them as sheep to a slaughterhouse; the values that Christian parents normally instill in their children are void from the modern society teenager. Homosexuality is only one result of Satan’s bombardment of sex.

Homosexuality is not our key offender; promiscuity is the true killer in any form. Emotionally, mentally, physically, or spiritually, it is still very harmful. That young women should decide to exploit their bodies in attempts to garner popularity or simply love is a sad happenstance that the media displays as harmless. But, the media is, among other things, untruthful: young women are aborting their unborn children because of their mistake of having sex outside of marriage, most of which are not over the age of eighteen. There is an epidemic that searches to snatch these innocent lives, and the media is not helping. Instead of outright opposition to premarital sex, as should our Judeo laws protrude, school administrators and the masses have accepted that young people are having sex, and given up on protecting them on an emotional and spiritual level. PSA commercials are yes in accordance with sexual safety, but that safety should rather come from the total abstaining of sex until you are under accordance with God to do so, not under the media. My peers are being fed options that do not constitute for their particular lives. In being a child of God, we belong to him, so, we should work and live under the law of the owner. The Lord has created us for a purpose, as the highly acclaimed book, [The Purpose Driven Life](#) aims to show, but if we are acting in our own

self will, then how are we acting in the will of God? Not very well I must assure you. Thus, the action that needs to be taken against these foul illusions is to lower to the devil's standards, however more astutely; by infiltrating into the enemy's camp and taking back the children of God, we are doing just that. Like many things, we cannot wait for the government to resurrect their christianly values into the American system; therefore we must do it ourselves.

My peers are more receptive to the idea of Jesus, a thought versus what we normally consider, and if we gave them the prerogative to know him for themselves, they would receive the Lord Jesus as their savior. However, it is the combination of fear and the false media's presumptions that cause youths to reject the love of God. So, we must impede these blockades as to recollect our fallen pride. Still, the youth of America are falling through the cracks and it is crucial that we become the safety net very soon. The youth is a complex being, they know what they want; we must show them that they want Jesus.

Christian values, regrettably, do not seem to feed the "right now" complex that teenagers have acquired, but the media has graciously filled that void; Hence the fight between us and Satan. As Christians, it is our duty to reveal the goodness of God and all he has to offer, but receiving this information from an adult has a lesser chance of sticking because adults don't seem to understand that teenagers feel as if they are immortal. Thus, as a fellow teenager it is my strong obligation to reveal God's grace through many factors: my testimonies, my lifestyle, and then, after all of these things, overtly witnessing to them. But the mistake that most Christians make is that we tend to preach to the fallen, when we should try to understand their situation in attempts to help them with the love of Christ. Jesus said, "With love do I draw thee," and that is what we should be doing as well. Therefore, not only should social issues change with teenagers,

but the church should also start to adhere to its young people because we want to be talked to, not talked down to. Tell us the truth. For some perplexing reason, teenagers adhere to the truth if it is laid out in front of them, given with no pretense or deceitfully obfuscated. Christians forget very easily that we are all saved by grace; mercies are forever abundant and plentiful, and without we cannot imagine the Godly repercussions. If we displayed this more to teens, we would be utterly shocked by the wave of youths that would enter into the churches. Satan and his media are trying to negate the true love of Christians, by presenting us as outdated and inconsiderate, out of touch conservatives that condemn the world to a fiery hell, when we are nothing like that. There is more to Christian life than bible study and Sunday. We act accordingly to the word of God, but we still are able to laugh, and enjoy life. Satan is trying to put us under a label so that teenagers won't see any fun or joy in Christ, so therefore we have to show them that you don't die of boredom from being Christian, if anything you rejoice in life ever more so. Yet, our youth today see only restrictions and rules with living for Christ. The new question, therefore, is not whether we can stop these many pollutants, but how.

Bring them to church; an unadulterated and guaranteed move that we must take. If we present the love of Christ, then teens will know the truth and pose it upon themselves to act on it. The only effective way is to show Jesus at church. Bible study is probably an even greater outlet because if it is a teen bible study, not only is there healthy Christian youth interaction, but teens are also being fed the true word of God. At the bible study that I attend, there are teens from all walks of life, but the surprising part is their collective and genuine desire for God. Their love for God is my assurance that teens are able and willing to serve the Lord, so therefore Satan made a mistake. The mistake that Satan made when he created sexually provocative shows, violently charged

programs, and misleading propaganda was that he allowed me to live another day; that he allowed any fired up Christian teen to live another day was his fatal mistake. However, Satan's attack on teens, whether they are White, Black, Asian, or Latino, missed the Christian teenager, aiding to his imminent downfall. Again, if we continue to correctly and inspiringly present the word of God in its entirety, without any pretense or modulation, teenagers will adhere to God's word and begin to live their purposed life. God intended for all of his children to live for him, and with the joy and peace that he awards us each day, a teenager who is recurrently bombarded with death, sex, and entrapment, will seek the freedom that is in Christ Jesus, I know I did.

As we are told that these are the last days, Christians can take solace in our assurance of everlasting life, but countless teens cannot. In one of my favorite gospel songs, "Heaven", by Mary Mary, there is a line that says: "I have to get my self together, 'cuz I got someplace to go, and I'm praying when I get there, I see everyone I know. I wanna go to heaven." That is what I want: to see everyone that I know, or met in any time of my life, in heaven on day. This is what we all should try to achieve in our Christian walk.

Introducing teenagers to Christ is a worthy cause, for in it we are building up the next generation of Christians, stabilizing the spiritually rich values of God in the body of America, and consciously winning the fight against the wiles of the devil from penetrating your precious future. I feel truly blessed that God has endowed me with this purpose; therefore, it is important that other Christian teens discover their importance in this fight. God loves the youthful spirit; its willingness to serve and to fight is what he loves most. However, youthfulness does not equate to age: as Christians our youthful fervor should transcend what our outward appearance may be. Therefore, young as well as older

Christians should be pushing each other to serve better, praise fuller, and live holier. This can be the very change that floods the churches with young and old parishioners. Teenagers are willing to serve God; they just need to know that he's out there. It is our duty to demystify the "unreachable God", but transform him into the God that we can reach at anytime. He is more real than anything; my peers need to know this love that was shed for them at Calvary. I want every young person, every old person, but simply just for every person to know that Jesus loves them and wants to live in their hearts, give them eternal life and protect them from Satan's deceit. It is critical that we all understand that these are people's lives that can be saved, and when they are saved, oh how we will all rejoice and praise God for his goodness. The ideals expressed by Christians are painfully missing from the core of America and are consequently affecting the teenagers that inhabit this America. The time is now that we fight for what is ours. Teenagers are the future of the world and I would like to see us become the Christian power that we were so destined to be. This is my fight.