

Leadership Tip!

Leading by “example” is one of the hardest things a Leader is called to do. It is not easily recognized by the leader when they are doing it and for better or worse, it has the most impact on the people themselves.

Raising Z “Creating Independent Kids”

STARTER QUESTIONS:

Do you think society is drawn closer to “dependents” or “independents.” Why?

MAIN IDEA:

It is not easy to go against the direction in which society is heading. The Apostle Paul had the same problem with the people of Corinthian who were held captive by the idea that they had “freedom” to do what they wanted, but in reality they were enslaved by the norms of their society.

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”1 Corinthians 11:1(NIV)

When we start talking about having influence on the people around us (including the kids in our life); we must first look at those things that influence are own life. Interestingly enough, most people do not know what they are influenced by. Take a few minutes and think about these questions:

“Where do I turn to for wisdom?”

Is it social media, Google, the Bible, or someone like Paul?

“What do I spend my time doing?”

Is it like the Corinthians; anything goes! Or is it time that will glorify God?

“Who do I spend my time with?”

Is it people who build you up or tear you down?

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Matthew 6:33 (NCV)

You can't expect to have a positive influence on others if you are not getting good Godly influences in your own life. When you look at all the other information through a Biblical lens, you will be able to see which will have the influence you will need to have an impact for God on the people around you.

Read Matthew 6:24-33, Write down things that influence people today.

The Bible does not say these things are bad, but they need to be put in a proper perspective as to the level of influence they have on a person's life.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

Don't be deceived in thinking that you only have a limited number of people or kids that you can influence. Most of the time you will never fully know the level of impact you are having on the people around you.

"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." – **Francis Chan**

RAISING Z

“Creating Independent Kids” (Prep for the Real World)
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Defining Characteristics of Generation Z (from the book: “*Meet Generation Z*” – by James Emery White)

- Marked by Recession and Terror
- Wi-Fi enabled
- Multiracial
- Sexually fluid
- Post Christian

“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, mind your own business and work with your hands...so that you won’t be dependent on anybody.”

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

What’s the right thing to say to a kid who says, “I’m bored”?

It is their life and it is their homework, not yours.

School first, play second.

Teach kids independence from everything except God.

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