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Challenges Teens Face

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Teens face many challenges in their life. Bullying is one problem that teens face on the daily basis. While bullying has been around for ages, now it's just more widespread than ever due to the internet. It's a problem that affects teens from many different walks of life. Peer pressure is another problem teens are facing. Peer-pressure can be associated with a plethora of things such as: a lack of self-confidence, guidance, and maturity. We all have faced or will be faced with peer-pressure. What makes negative peer-pressure wrong is the giving in to it especially if it leads one to compromise God's word.

Another major problem teens often find themselves in is insecurity. Teens often feel the need to be mainstream and follow the "crowd." Most teens don't have a self-image of themselves. You have to stop wasting your time looking for security from anyone or anything else that's not God

Himself, who is the only true source of security. The biggest problem teens are facing today is a lack of spiritual guidance. Many teens don't have a true relationship with God, which causes them to be lost in this sinful world. We must obtain a relationship with God and seek his direction in everything you do. God should always be the first place we go, not the last. He is always with us and places people in our path to help us in our faith.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.



Overcoming Obstacles and Challenges in Life

Pastor Willis would like for every teen to understand that no believer is exempt from facing challenges and obstacles in life. It's a part of our Christian journey and our time here on this earth is to grow in faith. We must encourage others to press forward in the Lord and never let difficulties destroy our faith. Never give up! It's not an option. Just as David did in the story of David and Goliath, he stared down the obstacles and if we do the same we will walk away victorious.

Jeremiah 32:27 "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind, is anything too hard for me? This scripture is basically letting us know to never ever think what you are facing is bigger than God. Don't let the enemy bring doubt and disbelief in your thoughts because it's easy to fall into the error of believing your problems may be bigger. Yet we must stand firm in the faith that God is who he says he is – the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Always remember, NOTHING is too difficult for our God to help us overcome. Pastor Willis has an open door and he does not want us to deal with challenges and obstacles alone. He wants us to lean and depend on God for the strength and wisdom to overcome.

Believe In Yourself

By: D'Mia Dunn, Mt. Gideon BC Junior Sunday School Class

It's almost that time of the year, back to school, for me. I will be excited to return to my old middle school to begin the seventh grade. A new school year brings about new challenging experiences and friends. Believe in yourself! Do things God's way and be yourself, don't be what people want you to be. Don't do what any of your friend's pressures you to do. When you feel you need a little comforting, before you do anything, ask God. No matter what time of the day, you can always pray. God will be there always. Trust God that you will have a good school year, stay focus and be determined to do well. If the plan doesn't work, change the plan, but never change your goal. Praying you all have a blessed & prosperous school year!!!

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