

MT. GIDEON BAPTIST CHURCH TEENS NEWSLETTER

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What Are Teens Thinking? What Are Parents Thinking?

A teenager arrives home one hour past curfew, without even calling. The parent may be thinking, "My God, he could have been in an accident! Why didn't he call? Doesn't he care how his parents feel?" The teen may be thinking, "So I'm a little late, I had car trouble and I gave a friend a ride home and we talked for a while. What's the big deal?" Don't they care how I feel?" Of course they care but the ground rules or curfew must be well established. What happens too often is that parents don't anticipate the possibilities of what could happen. They just assume their teen will be home before midnight and fail to set specific rules. When the unwritten rules are "broken", they don't have anything to fall back on, so an argument starts. One of the things that would help is parents writing these guidelines and setting them in advance. The parents should put in writing, 'If you come home late, this is what's going to happen. You have to make it very clear to teens. Even though most teens rebel outwardly against limits, rules, or curfew, at least they know the consequences of breaking the rules or curfew and they will think about the consequences beforehand. This helps to avoid arguments and confrontation.

Mom or Dad tells the teen to clean his/her room, but later finds the teen's stuff shoved into a dark corner of the closet. The parents may be thinking, "We can't stand the way she keeps her room. Doesn't she care that we like to have a nice, neat house?" Parents you have to be more firm and say, "Ok, if your room isn't cleaned by a certain time, you don't get to go to the mall or you don't get to hang with your friends, no ifs or buts about it!" Parents cannot compromise or give in to their teens. Teen may be thinking, "I'm too busy! I don't have time to clean my room! It's my room anyway so why should they care? I'll just close the door behind me & no one will see it." Teens have to start thinking different and parents can't allow them to break rules without consequences. Teens has got to learn how to obey their parents and when they do, we will have better teenagers, better families, and there will be more love in the home!

Colossians 3:20(NIV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Bible Trivia Challenge

Answer the Questions. Use your bible to help you.

1. Who told Eve to eat the fruit in the garden?

2. Who made Adam and Eve? _____

3. What did God take out of Adam to make Eve? _____

4. Jesus died on a what? _____

5. How many days was Jesus dead before he rose again?

6. Where was Jesus born? _____

7. What is the place called that has streets of gold and many mansions? _____

8. Why did Jesus run off from his parents when he was little? What was he doing when they found him?

9. What is the first book in the bible? _____

10. What is the last book in the bible?

11. Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss? _____

12. What was smeared over the doors to keep the death angel from stopping at their home? _____

13. Who is the Alpha and the Omega?

14. Who is lucifer? _____

15. Who told Mary she was having a baby? _____

16. Who was the parents of Jesus?

17. What gifts were brought to baby Jesus when he was born?

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