

The Struggles of Christian Teenagers

This world is filled with sin and hatred so being able to have a good relationship with God is not easy. In this world loving Jesus is a battle all Christians have to go through, especially teenagers. Some of the main struggles Christian teenagers have are wanting to make time for God, not being able to understand His word, and being influenced by social media. Christian teenagers go through a lot of obstacles in life.

To begin, one of the biggest problems Christian youth has is not making God their biggest priority. Proverbs 3:6 states, "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall [a]direct your paths." Jesus Christ should be the first person to go to when worried or stressed. God will always carry all people through whatever they are going through. Pray to Him and have faith in Him because with God nothing is impossible. Young believers should always make time for God no matter what.

Secondly, not being able to comprehend the Bible is a big problem the majority of young Christians have. To be able to understand God's word we need to pray to God for knowledge. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." When reading the Bible, young Christian teens need to put our faith into what we are learning and actually

wanting to understand. If adolescent believers go and read the bible without faith, it is like a blind person trying to read a book. There is no way someone can understand what God's trying to put in their heart without faith and passion towards it.

Thirdly, many young Christians are tested by God through many digital platforms. Knowing it is what they spent most of their time on, teenagers are moved by a lot of influencers, many of them being non Christian. If that is what they are seeing all the time, that is what they are going to want to be like and who they are going to want to act like. The Bible talks about how we should not idolize others, and how we should not turn from Him. Jonah 2:8 teaches, "Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own mercy." Being captured by the world's sin is easy, but with a strong relationship based on God it is easier to be captured by His love.

In summary, this universe is trapped by Satan's love for hate. It is harder to love God than to love sin and hatred. Young teens have a really hard time prioritizing and loving God sometimes. The main obstacles they have to go through are wanting to make a place for God in their life, lacking wisdom when it comes to reading and comprehending His word, and being influenced by others beliefs in this world. Christian youth may struggle more than an average teen, but God will always carry them through!

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