

Dominant Forms of Influences Affecting Young People

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I. Battle Cry For My Generation

A. A Call to Action

It's time for America's youth to wake up and realize there is a real war going on for your generation. Your enemy is not playing games. He has something to gain by destroying your life. The Bible makes this very clear in John 10:10, "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."

B. Nation at a Crossroad

Youth are the future of this nation. This generation will have the greatest influence in shaping the future of the United States than any other in world history.

Research tells us that our generation (referred to as Millennials) is the largest American generation that ever existed. In fact, right now, there are 33 million teenagers in the United States. So as this generation assumes more and more influence in this nation, it will do so with more force than any other generation before.

C. If Nothing Happens, Where is America Headed?

II. Who Is the Enemy?

III. How Bad Is It?

IV. The Influence of Music

A. Music's Impact

B. The Spiritual Implications of Listening to Secular Music

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. (Phil. 4:8)

V. Television and Movies

A. What Impact Do Music Videos Have on Teens?

B. What Impact Do Watching Pornography Have on Teens?

VI. Internet: They're Just Pictures

A. Famous Internet Sites

1. "Face Book"
2. "My Space"

B. The Importance of Internet Safety

VII. Checking Out Dating Sites

VIII. Clothes, Hair, and Body Art

IX. It's A Real War

- Watch out for the attacks of the devil, our great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour (1 Peter 5:8)
- The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy (John 10:10)

A. Trying to Hold on To God and the Church

Too many Christian teenagers have never walked away from the civilian life. We continue to hold on to God and the world at the same time.

Especially For the Millennium Generation

Imagine what would happen if we raised up an army of young people who loved God with all their hearts, minds, and souls.

The devil is using media under the disguise of "fun" or "entertainment" to gain access to and pollute your minds.

It is time for us to wake up and stop playing into the devil's hands by pretending everything's okay.

Enough is enough! It's time for us to take a stand. We must move from simply understanding the crisis, to putting together a battle plan.

Stop playing patty-cake with the devil. No more letting him destroy precious lives. You can't just sit by and hope that the devil will give up and stop fighting against you.

How many people, just in your own school, do you know are hurting, broken and torn apart?

If we are going to be warriors for God, we need to stop hesitating and just obey God's orders.

Once you settle in your mind that God always has your best at heart, you will be able to obey Him – regardless of any losses you might have to endure.

Don't ever think that you can't make a difference in somebody's life.

The more we look like Jesus, the easier it will be to lead people to Him.

We're never going to lead people to Christ if we never talk about Him.

Prayer makes everything we do more effective.

This generation needs a lot more than a gentle nudge toward the Lord.

They need a jolt from God that will transform their lives.