

What Does God Say About... Top Ten Problems Faced by Christian Teens

1. **Disrespect for Authority:** Ephesians 6:1,2; I Timothy 6:1,2; Romans 13:1-4; Colossians 3:22-24; I Peter 2:15-24
2. **Gossiping Among Friends:** *Idle talk of sharing detrimental information with others who are not a part of the solution.* Proverbs 8:6-8; Proverbs 12:13-20; Proverbs 17:27,28; Proverbs 18:13; Proverbs 26:17-28; Ephesians 4:25-29; James 3:1-12
3. **Putting Down Others:** Ephesians 4:29-32; James 2:1-10
4. **Apathy/Love for World:** Proverbs 9:6; Proverbs 22:3; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Matthew 4:4-9; Matthew 5:6; Matthew 5:13-16; I Corinthians 15:33; Colossians 3:23,24
5. **Contentment:** *Complaining.* Proverbs 15:16; John 6:43; I Corinthians 10:10; Philippians 4:11; I Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5
6. **Forgiveness:** *Giving* – Matthew 6:12,14; Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 17:3,4; Ephesians 4:32; I Peter 4:8. *Getting* – Matthew 5:21-25; Acts 24:16
7. **Impure Thoughts:** Psalm 19:14; Psalm 101:3; Psalms 119:11; Job 31:1; Matthew 5:27,28; Romans 1:24,32; Romans 13:13,14; I Corinthians 3:16,17; II Corinthians 10:5; II Timothy 2:22
8. **Friends/Peer Pressure:** Proverbs 4:14-19; Proverbs 9:6; Proverbs 11:8; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 18:24; Proverbs 19:27; Proverbs 22:24,25; Proverbs 24:21; Proverbs 27:17
9. **Drugs/Alcohol:** Proverbs 20:1; Proverbs 23:20,21; Proverbs 23:29-32; Romans 13:13; I Corinthians 6:9-11; I Corinthians 6:19,20; I Corinthians 10:31; Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:15-18
10. **Bad Language:** Exodus 20:7; Psalm 12:3,4; Psalm 59:12; Proverbs 11:11; Proverbs 15:28; Proverbs 24:2; Ecclesiastes 10:20; Matthew 12:34-37; Romans 3:13,14; Ephesians 5:4; James 1:26; James 3:5-10; James 5:12

Which of these areas are you struggling with?

Write out a verse that addresses an area you struggle with on a note card or on your smart phone and memorize it.

Share your struggle, if appropriate, with a friend and ask for their prayers and accountability.

Is there a friend who is struggling with one of these areas that you should talk to and encourage to do the right thing? Perhaps you should ask a teacher or pastor or parent how you should approach your friend about this problem.

Pray and ask God for help in these areas.