

Challenge to teen leaders



Currents and Influences on Teens Today

... and how do we counter the currents and influences?

Currents and Influences, Challenges

Currents

- Experiential learning - ways of knowing and proving the truth
- Experiencing a culture that no longer grew up with books
- The rapid pace of change in today's society
- The drive for success - Show me your successes and I'll show you your worth!
- Every expression of sexuality is valuable
- Sinking into yourself
- Tolerance is elevated above all other values
- Family breakdown and broken relationships

The 4 formative influences on young people

- Parents and family
- School and teachers
- The "clique"
- The media

The 6 challenges to the teen leader

- Say war on half-heartedness!
- Be authoritative!
- Give them real role models
- Give them real caring
- We need to give teens responsibility
- Give them the freedom to make mistakes

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