

# HOW TO SHAPE & INSTIL CONFIDENCE in today's youth

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Many parents know the verse that says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6. But what about the youth who grow up in homes where the Gospel is not taught or they have no Christlike example?

Does the Church not have a duty to

godly and honourable way.

### The Church needs to reach out

If the youth in your church grew up in a divorced household, they have never been exposed to a healthy, Christian family where members love each other and are quick to forgive. In order to cultivate future genera-

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reach out to the youth and to be a Christ to them? Every youth group has the ability to reach the unsaved and undisciplined guys and girls who lack parental guidance in how to manage everyday situations in a

tions that live lives that are pleasing to God, the Church needs to step in the gap and become an instrument for change. This provides the opportunity for the church to host conferences to reach those who can benefit

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."  
1 Timothy 4:12

from courses in godly values and life lessons.

### Teaching Christ-like behaviour

Pastors, youth leaders and spiritual parents in the church have an opportunity to offer courses in finances, career choices, dating and marriage, parenthood, health struggles (i.e. bulimia, anorexia), and addressing

father and mentor students who are willing to serve and become a protégées – setting them on a course for success – in life and in their relationship with God.

### Brilliant material for you

International Christian Schools (ICS) can provide support for any workshops or con-

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temptations that often target the younger generations. It is important to ask the youth about their needs and for the church to source and provide professional and also Biblical leadership and teachings in those areas. The church needs to intervene in the areas that can be potential downfalls.

One such area can be to provide a deeper understanding of money management using a curriculum offered by Practical Money Skills. On our website you'll find lesson plans for students of all ages – from pre-schoolers and elementary school students to teens and college students. Topics range from the basics for the very young, such as "What is Money?" and "Spending Plans" to more comprehensive courses for young adults who are about to venture off into financial independence.

### Discipleship is key

As part of Jesus' commission to His disciples He urges them to "go and make disciples of all nations..." Matt 28:19. Youth cannot be trained and given life tools, and then neglected. Knowing the temptations that face them, it is imperative that each and every young adult is disciplined and cared for.

After life skills conferences are offered, church leaders need to be available to

ferences that are run with this vision. We are able to support and provide materials. The opportunities for this conference concept are endless - churches can partner with other churches in their surrounding areas, universities and local schools can advertise the conference to their students and even provide the facilities for the events.

### Uniting education and the church

The Life Skills conference concept provides a platform for professionals and youth to come together. Attractive workshops which provide training and education in general life skills will attract youth of all backgrounds, and if the courses are run by the church then it provides an opportunity to also share the Gospel and to encourage our future generations to pursue ethical and Biblical practices in their lives.

By offering Christian value-based knowledge, the youth can become a blessing to society and trigger a change for more people to have a Biblical world view. Now is your opportunity to reach out, organise a Life Skills Conference and build a future that reflects Christ. ■

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