

2016 World Activity Kit - Youth

I had a chat with one of our pastors [Taddius Nkanyezi] who has dealt with our youth for a couple of years. I asked him what challenges confronted youth in this part of the world. He mentioned that many young people were struggling with global issues. They are trying to match their standards globally in terms of peer pressure in the way they dress, their eating and drinking habits. Some of them are obsessive about weight loss and working hard to follow world models' way of life.

These issues seem to have displaced parenthood. They ignore the natural and traditional institutions such as the family, church and schools. They are convinced that these institutions cannot instruct or guide them to address their global challenges anymore. They rely on "Uncle Google" in their language.

I am sure that most of us could identify with these challenges among our youth. Let us all prayerfully hold hands together and speak out through internet connectivity where our youth spend most their time. It will be beneficial to reinforce teaching and counselling in our families, churches and schools.

God's instruction to all parents and guardians, church members and leadership, as well as teachers and administrators in our schools is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-8. In verses 6 - 7 we read,

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

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