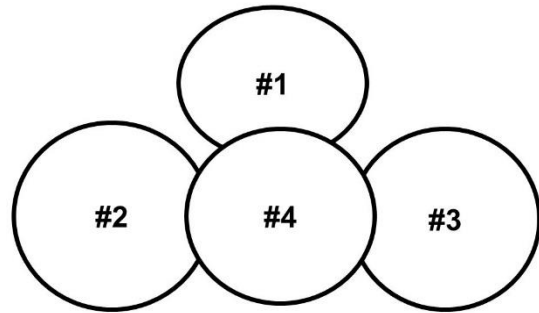


Four traits of a good teacher Helping Teens connect to God's Word (Part 1)



I. Four traits of a good teacher

(Dan Webster, 'The Complete Handbook of Youth Ministry', p. 327)

A. Trait #1: knowledge of their _____.

1. Their level of Bible knowledge

Lev Vygotsky. 'The zone of proximal development'

The material being studied is new and a little challenging for our students, but with our help they can understand it.

2. Their families, culture, and problems.

B. Trait #2: Understanding of the _____

C. Trait #3: The ability to _____

"There are no uninteresting subjects: there are only uninteresting people." - Dr. Duane Lipton

The Bible is definitely not an uninteresting subject, and making it boring by the way we present it is dangerous. It can lead kids to believe that the Bible is boring, that a relationship with God is probably boring too.

D. Trait #4: The Power of the _____

- He helps us _____ the text.
- He helps us to _____ the truth.
- He will _____ us of the truth.
- He helps God's truth produce _____ in our lives.

II. Applying this information to student ministry

#1: Understand our kids: their level of Bible knowledge, their subcultures, age characteristics, and what's important to them.

- Ask your kids _____ and really listen to their answers.
- Study up on _____.

#2: Become a student of the Bible.

- Read it and _____ it.
- Use a _____ to get God's Word into your heart.
- Make sure you are _____ for your Bible lesson.

#3: Develop communication skills

#4: The help of the Holy Spirit

- _____ for the lesson, and for the students.
- Examine our lives and _____.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you do to better understand your teens: their interests, lives, concerns, Bible background, etc?
2. What do you do to grow your own understanding and application of the Bible?
3. In what ways can prayer become a more important part of your ministry?