

A Word to the Generations

Goal? To call out the beauty and the opportunity in each gen. There is kingdom power in each gen that needs to be channeled and accelerated. There are cultural blind spots in each gen that need to be exposed and healed.

Proverbs 2:1-11

My child, listen to what I say,
and treasure my commands.

Tune your ears to wisdom,
and concentrate on understanding.

Cry out for insight,
and ask for understanding.

Search for them as you would for silver;
seek them like hidden treasures.

Proverbs 2:1-11

Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord,
and you will gain knowledge of God.

For the Lord grants wisdom!

From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest.

He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.

He guards the paths of the just

and protects those who are faithful to Him.

Proverbs 2:1-11

Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair,
and you will find the right way to go.

For wisdom will enter your heart,
and knowledge will fill you with joy.

Wise choices will watch over you.

Understanding will keep you safe.

Deeper Needs of the Human Heart

1. Identity

2. Relationships

3. Purpose

Identity Truth #1

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Identity Formation

-Who am I?

-What am I worth?

-Why am I here?

Self-determination works against
self-control and ***self-sacrifice***.

These two are crucial to
self-improvement as an adult.

“Prolonged Adolescence”

The five sociological markers for adulthood are being pushed later and later:

1. Completing school
2. Moving out
3. Financial Independence
4. Getting married
5. Having kids

- Young Adults will have nine different jobs by age 35
- The majority are struggling financially
- 20s are the loneliest time of life, 50% have no close friends and 50% are single
- 20s brains are more likely to think catastrophically and feel negatively than older adults. They also have less experience managing those thoughts and feelings.
- 93% of young adults are going to face rejection, heartbreak is the most common precursor to feeling depressed
- 20s are when we're most likely to abuse substances and become addicted (alcohol, marijuana, porn)
- About one in four young adults taking prescription mental health medication. They are "overmedicated and over diagnosed".
- Antidepressants are the single most commonly used prescription drug.
- Antianxiety meds have doubled since 2000 and is second only to opioids in overdoses.
- Over 50% of 20s have not (yet) found a source of purpose.

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Spin? - We're sold self-determination.

Reality? - We're victims of cultural deformation.

Truth? - We need sacred transformation.

**Your identity is meant to be God-given
not peer driven or self-determined.**

Who am I?

An adopted child of the most high God, a royal ambassador, a citizen of heaven

What am I worth?

You are created in God's image and worth Jesus' very life

Why am I here?

To bring a revolution of counter-cultural cross-shaped love and resurrection life

Friendship Truth #2

You need Godly friends, but you will have to work harder than ever to have them.

Our culture is set-up to make you:

- isolated (which leads to loneliness),
- individualistic (which leads to self-absorption),
- screen-addicted (which leads to withdrawal),
- polarized (which leads to hate).

You are paying ...
do you want a human to scan
your goods or do you want
self-checkout?

Controversial Christianity

Bringing clarity, compassion,
conviction, and Christ into
the controversy

John 15:11-14

I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you.

Purpose Truth #3

Despite whatever flaws, there is a supernatural resurgence of belief in Jesus among young adults... Right now!

You may be the revival generation!!!