

SUGGESTIONS FOR INFLUENCING TEENS IN A DISCIPLESHIP ROLE

When kids reach their teen years, the key word in reaching them is influence. There are five words that describe different ways you can influence teens.

Whether the setting is a small group or one-on one role, these five words can be used to determine how and what you do to influence (to base your discipleship role upon) and anything you may present to them at this time in their life.

1. **TEACH:** Provide them with new information or help them understand another facet of life.
2. **ENCOURAGE:** Remind them of the benefits of moving in the right direction.
3. **ENTREAT:** Encourage them to act in a mature response, and wise way and what that entails/includes in their life.
4. **ADMONISH:** Caution and advise them by anticipating possible negative consequences to some of their actions or reactions to parents, teachers, and other lines of authority in their lives.
5. **PERSUADE:** Use relationship, rewards (from Scripture), and consequences which will help motivate them to make wise choices. Help them understand these are things we need to keep in mind all our life not just as youth.