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- If the new believer requires intimate love and care, what does the young believer need?
- The young person is known by the way he begins to take control of his own decisions and increasing mobility.
- “Teenager” to describe this transitional period—not little and not mature.

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The Teen

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The Young Believer’s Challenge

- The young believer must learn how to use God’s Word to stand strong against opposing influences and temptations.
- Physically, the young learn to live apart from their parents.
- “I have written to you, young men, because **you are strong**, and the **word of God abides in you**, and you have **overcome the evil one**” (1 John 2:13-14).



The Sword,
the
Word of God

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The Plan

Anxiety

Pride

Lusts

Anger

Depression

Not just rejecting the old but adopting the new.

In each case faith is needed to surge forward.

Peace

Humility

Contentment

Patience

Hope

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Common Church Problems

- The church is not convinced the problems can be overcome
- Tendency to pass problem Christians to psychologists
- Indicative of lack of faith in God's people and need of revival
- Lack of faith often results from lack of victory in lives of Christian leaders



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Further Steps of Growth

"For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Pet 1:4).

- The young like to think they are older than they are, demanding freedom without responsibility.
- They have to face many challenges to 'mature' them.
- The wise lad establishes good spiritual disciplines and learns from others how to use God's Word to fight temptation.
- It is wrong to not care for a baby but also to ignore the youth's needs as they grow into maturity.

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Our Lessons

- Young believers face the challenge of learning how to use God's Word to live strong Christian lives.
- Spiritual battles will occur in our new lives because of our flesh and the enemy that uses the world to seek our harm.
- God promises that His Word can help us experience consistent victory.
- Spiritual oversight at this stage can greatly assist a confused young believer

Application

- Do you have a strong spiritual discipline of feeding yourself in God's Word? Why or why not?
- Do you think the daily input of God's Word is important to a strong spiritual life? Why do you think this?

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