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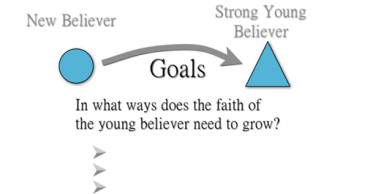
- Every child will grow up
- But many with misunderstandings
- Wrong conclusions
- Even those in seminary often looking to theology to help them
- The real training needed is often missing



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God's goals are good

Young Believer Development



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- Be fully equipped to spot temptation
- Understand the fundamental problem of temptation
- Observe how temptation relates to their sin nature and the world
- Acquire and use the truth to fight temptation
- Prioritize the place of forgiveness in their hearts
- Personally witness the power of God's Word

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Faith accompanying our vision

- John the Apostle stated the truth: young men have overcome the evil one.
- The Word of God gives us deep confidence
- For ourselves and others!
- God's Word strengthens our faith, detect lies, apply the truth and stand firm.

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith" (1 John 5:4).

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Advantages of training

- The power of the cross provides regular forgiveness and restoration--deepens sense of grace
- Fight after fight, one begins to see the evil one's schemes.
- But also how to use the powerful Word of God to stand strong.
- As believers' faith is boosted, everyone grows!
- This is not casting out the evil one with words but strengthening our faith within.
- Be careful of leaders who haven't gained this confidence!

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Learning how to train

- But how to train?
- Training is challenging but not complicated or expensive
- It can be slowed down by lack of faith, situation, or drugs, but need not be.
- Reaching Beyond Mediocrity--God has already made us overcomers!
- BE CAREFUL OF 'LITTLE SINS'

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life" (Prov 4:23).

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Growing up

- Training does not take long just as one is not a teen for long.
- 3-5 years for an adult with training
- Maybe never without training
- God might provide special miracles but it really is all a miracle of God's work in us!
- God uses these times to test our heart and learn how to lean upon Him for His glory
- I can't grow for my children; they need to

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Clarifying our vision

- What is your belief about average believers?
- What is God's plan for them?
- Can they grow to be strong?
- Many do not grow because they do not believe they can overcome.

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Implementation of God's vision

- One can teach in larger groups or even small cell groups, but individuals are often reluctant to confess sins.
- In the end, it will depend on the individual to believe.
- Eg. An unforgiving spirit-God's Word tells us so!

The quality and quantity of our fruitful service is greatly dependent on how well we do at this second stage.

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Our Lessons

- Many believers go about as defeated Christians because they are not charmed by the power and glory of God's Word working in their lives.
- God has given the church the means to live holy lives by regularly overcoming sin and affirming the truth of the cross for her failures.
- When the church embraces the faith to overcome temptation and sin, then she will learn how to depend on her powerful God and find revival.
- Training must come from leaders who have seen the power of God working in their lives.

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Application

- ➡ Identify one weakness in your life and the steps needed to overcome it. Are you actively working on overcoming that problem?
- ➡ Name several major sins you see in others. Explain the steps needed to help each of them gain hope and faith to step out of those sins.
- ➡ Does your church or school tolerate immaturity and sinful attitudes/behaviors in the leaders it is developing?