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**Training Young Girls To Serve God**

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1. **Be Real.**

Romans 12:9, *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*

The word *dissimulation* in this verse is “unfeigned, sincere.”

1. Young people know when you are being real.

They know when you are serving out of duty and not out of love. If you are being a hypocrite about how you live, then they will want nothing to do with what you are trying to teach them.

1. Be authentic.

* Sometimes that means letting go of shame.
* Teen girls especially can be brutal and harsh about what they think about you; but if you stand up and say, “It’s ok for me to be who I am,” they will eventually accept you and respect you for it.

1. Your love for Christ should be so real that they crave to have it.

* It should never come across to them that you would rather be doing something else
* And if you would rather be doing something else then you should search your heart and ask the Lord to give you His love or teaching them.

1. **Point them to the Bible.**

II Timothy 3:16, *All scripture is given by inspiration of Gods and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

1. Don’t try to give them your own philosophies when answering their questions.
2. Give them chapter and verse.
3. If you don’t know the Biblical answer off the top of your head, then tell them, “Let me study that and I will get back to you with an answer.”

* You are teaching them by example that if you go to the Word of God, you will find the answers for life.
* You are admitting to them that you are human and don’t know the answer, but you know the One who does have the answer.

1. **Lead by example.**

John 13:13-16, *Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well: for so I am. 14.If I then, you Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15.For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. 16.Verily, verily, I say unto you. The servant is nor greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.*

1. Be a servant; don’t expect them to do something you would not do yourself.

* If you are telling them to give their whole life to the Lord and then they see you holding back, why would you expect them to listen to your advice?
* Sometimes you have to do the dirty work (cleaning the toilets) to teach them that you are never too good to serve.
* Serve with them and they will want to serve with you.

1. Never talk bad about other authority to them or in front of them.
2. Be in church every opportunity.

* Even when you are tired.
* Even when you are on vacation.

1. **Teach them.**

Titus 2:3-5, *The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

1. Teach them to work through the difficult times.
2. Teach them to work with different people

You will have differences with other people in the ministry and they need to see that it’s ok to have different opinions; but to work through them and love others, even if you differ with them.

1. Teach them to get their own relationship with the Lord, not to just rely on the relationship their authority has with the Lord.
2. Teach them how to be a Godly lady.
3. Teach them to have fun!

Teach them to enjoy working for the Lord–that it’s not all hard work and trials.

1. **Encourage them.**

Proverbs 16:24, *Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones*.

1. Encourage them to keep serving, even when going through the valley.
2. Focus on the blessings of serving the Lord.
3. For every correction, make sure to give an encouragement.
4. Encourage them to have a thankfulness journal.
5. Help them to be an encouragement to others.
6. **Love Them.**

Ephesians 3:19, *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.*

1. Ask the Lord to give you His love for them.

The Lord will love on them through you.

1. Love on them for who they are now and for who God is making them to be.
2. Love them even when they don’t love you back.