

PUSHING THE LIMITS

**UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF
STUDENT MINISTRY**

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LEADING BY TRUTH OR TREND

Mike Calhoun

GOALS FOR MINISTRY



GOD... AND GUITARS

Tom Phillips

SCRIPTURE MEMORY SUGGESTIONS:

John 4:23–24

Isaiah 6:1–5

Luke 4:8

Romans 12:1–2

Psalms 115:1–8

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TEACHING ON PURPOSE WITH A PURPOSE

Mel Walker

EDUCATION PRINCIPLES IN SCRIPTURE

Scripture Passage	Educational Principle That Applies to Youth Ministry
Psalm 119:105 —Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.	✓ We must show students that God’s Word gives specific direction to their lives.
Matthew 28:19–20 —Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.	✓ A key aspect of the Great Commission is that we teach everything Christ “commanded.”
Acts 20:27 — For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.	✓ We must remember to teach our students the “all” of God’s Word.
Ephesians 4:11–16 —And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, <u>for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;</u> that we should <u>no longer be children</u> , tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, <u>may grow up in all things into Him</u> who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes <u>growth of the body</u> for the <u>edifying</u> of itself in love.	✓ Specific educational elements are involved in God’s grand purpose for His church. The key thing is that our objective is the spiritual maturity of our students.
1 Timothy 2:3–4 —For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.	✓ The key ingredient of our ministries must be the salvation of our students.

2 Timothy 2:15—Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.	✓ We must teach our students the ability to study God's Word on their own so that they can "rightly" divide the "word of truth."
2 Timothy 3:10–17—But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.	✓ Teaching the Word of God is essential for spiritual growth.

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WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?

Alex McFarland

Applied apologetics: *The integration of **walk** and **witness**.*

We desire that each teen (a representative for Christ), be:



converted

biblically literate

committed to the
Lordship of Christ

Our goal is that each Christian teen (a “messenger” for the Lord)



(will) (can) (is prepared to)

The **Methods** include:

presenting

explaining

defending

Visually, vocally, consistently (The life of the messenger conveys a “message” about the “Message”):

The **Message** is:

relevant

understandable

credible

CAN A GIRL DO THAT?

Dr. Cheryl Fawcett

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Dr. David E. Adams

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