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- b. Training
- (1) Course of study--overall study of the Bible--outline study of the 66 books.
 - (2) Special Topics--Evolution, Science and Bible, Archaeology of Bible, Great Personalities of Bible, What It Means to be a Christian, Preparation for Church Membership, Christian Evidences, Missions, etc. But do not be too specific. Remember, these should be handled generally.
 - (3) Keep open channels of communication
 - (4) Multiply interests
 - (5) Command by counsel not force
 - (6) Control by communication
 - (7) Use wise visual aids: science object lessons, overhead projector, chalk talks, movies, charts, maps, projects.
7. Later Adolescence (18-24) Young adults. (Joseph--30; Moses--80; Jesus--30) He becomes selective. Concentrates more. Has himself and circumstances more under control. He has a feeling of responsibility. This is a time of choices.
- a. The principal characteristic is achievement. Bodily he seeks strength and agility so he goes in for sports and athletics. He wants to emulate his heroes so applies to Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines (why not pastorate, mission field, teacher, work for God, etc.?) At this age the death rate is high.
 - b. His principal mental characteristic is power. Progress in discernment of the relevant from the irrelevant--judgment.
 - (1) Knowledge--"Knowledge is power only when it is conquered, harnessed, and put to work."
 - (2) Control--we cannot control others until we have learned to control ourselves.
 - (3) Independence--freedom of thought and action must accompany knowledge and control if intellectual power is to follow. (Communism vs. Free Enterprise System) This is a most fruitful period of life.
 - c. The principal social characteristic is friendship--more select group of friends--particular friends, chums, partnerships--life partnerships.
 - (1) Breaking of home ties--college, career, marriage.
 - (2) Awakening of altruism and patriotism--first loyalty to gang, then class, school, city, country, humanity, God.
 - (3) Manifestation of mating and homing instincts--"Youth must be made to feel that before he can become a love he must become a man." He must learn priorities.
 - d. The principal spiritual characteristic is instability. These are years when religious interest fluctuates.
 - (1) Hindrances
 - (a) Doubt--due to college studies, newspapers, magazines, with articles by agnostics, etc., T.V., or just that reason has come to the throne.
 - (b) Worldliness--desire for material gain, pleasure or peer pressure.
 - (2) Helps
 - (a) Deepening love of nature
 - (b) Increased vigor of will--appeal to it!
 - e. Training
 - (1) Large classes
 - (2) Well trained teacher--individuality is never so marked as now.
 - (a) Personal guidance
 - (b) Encouragement and friendship
 - (c) Vision--big world to conquer
 - (d) "Knowledge of youth, attractive personality, confidence in the good qualities of youth, and a determination to bring out and develop these qualities." Brown