<u>Leadership Lesson # 99</u>: Windows 7 Was Their Idea: Technology And Teaching Teenagers

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- 1. If you are not using some type of technology in teaching teens, you may <u>lose them</u>.
- 2. Many teens have been using technology since they were **five** years old.
- 3. This generation is the most **technologically savvy** of any generation.
- 4. **97**% own a computer.
- 5. **94**% have a cell phone.
- 6. Teens take technology **for granted**.
- 7. The rise of instant communication technologies made possible through use of the internet, such as **email**, **texting**, and **IM** and new media used through websites like **YouTube** and social networking sites like **Facebook**, **Myspace**, and **Twitter**, may explain the Millennials' reputation for being somewhat peer-oriented due to easier facilitation of communication through technology. This trend of communication is continuing into Generation Z.
- 8. According to Teenage Research Unlimited, more than <u>80</u>% of teenagers have Internet access, whether at home, school, work, a friend's home or the library.
- 9. A recent study further predicts that current 10 to 17-year olds will spend <u>one-third of their lives</u> (23 years) on the Internet.
- 10. Generation Y is a significant target audience for the media because it will form the bulk of the **adult population** within the next 20 years.
- 11. Media usage among Generation Y is generally concentrated in the **broadcast media**, especially in **radio** usage.
- 12. The heaviest users of <u>television</u> are those below 12, while high school and college students use the <u>radio</u> most frequently for news and entertainment.
- 13. Older teens read more <u>magazines</u> than younger members of the generation do. College students are most likely to read <u>newspapers</u> regularly, supplemented by radio and the Internet.
- 14. Although television and radio still stand as the most popular forms of media usage among Gen Y, the **Internet** is on its rise to take over some of the broadcast media's dominance.
- 15. As the use of the **Internet** has grown, the hours watching television per household has decreased.
- 16. Use some type of technology in teaching teens, such as **PowerPoint**, appropriate references to Facebook or Twitter, CDs with **praise songs**, or clips from **DVD's** that enhance the Bible Study. (Examples might include clips from **Facing the Giants** and **Fireproof**. Both movies are available at LifeWay bookstores.)
- 17. Contact them by **email** or **text message**. It is immediate contact, and it is the way they contact each other.
- 18. Since the <u>technology</u> and <u>media</u> that teenagers use involve and stimulate all of their <u>senses</u>, make sure that you use <u>methods</u> and <u>involvement</u> learning in your Bible study that involve <u>hearing</u>, <u>sight</u>, and <u>touch</u>, not just <u>lecture</u>.

Whoever tells them that they love them first will have them, and that needs to be us, demonstrating God's unconditional love for them.

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