

Teaching Character with Living Books & Mentoring



What is Godly Character?

- ◆ **Wisdom**
- ◆ **Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control**
- ◆ **Christ-like Obedience & Attitude**
- ◆ **Hunger to Learn, Grow, Become Mature**
- ◆ **Hard Worker**

How to Teach Godly Character

- ◆ **Love, Love, Love**
- ◆ **Model Godly Character**
- ◆ **Expose to Truth w Living**
- ◆ **Mentor**



What are Living Books?

- ◆ Books that Breathe, Inspire, Excite
- ◆ Books that are enjoyable to read
- ◆ Books that are easy to understand, yet challenge us intellectually
- ◆ Classic books that survive over centuries



The Holy Bible

- ◆ Written by God to teach, correct, rebuke, and instruct in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16)
- ◆ Living & active, sharper than a 2-edged sword, penetrates, judges hearts & attitudes (Hebrews 4:12)
- ◆ Stories, poetry, letters, prophecies, law, songs

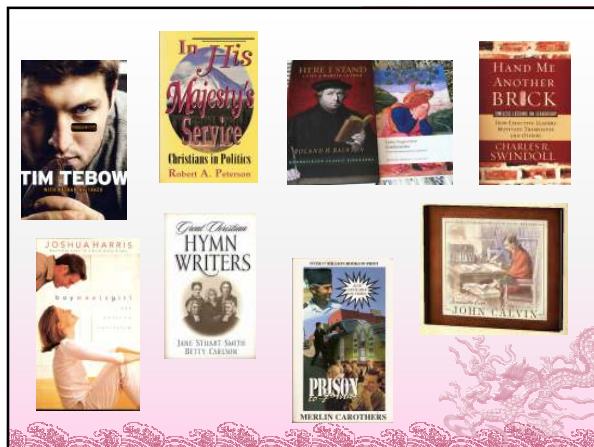
Stories

- ◆ Christian and Secular (not anti-Christian)
- ◆ Elsie Books
- ◆ The Little Engine that Could
- ◆ Uncle Tom's Cabin
- ◆ A Bargain for Francis
- ◆ This Present Darkness/Blink



Biographies/Testimonies

- ◆ Confessions by St. Augustine
- ◆ Amy Carmichael
- ◆ God's Smuggler
- ◆ The Hiding Place
- ◆ The Listener
- ◆ Screwtape Letters



My Teen's Heroes

- ◆ Who are your Teens' Heroes in Books, Music, Culture, Movies, Television?
- ◆ Heroes Breed Imitation (rebellion, courage, greed, generosity, faithfulness, wrong values)
- ◆ Provide Good Heroes
- ◆ Push Wholesome, Living Books

Talk about Books

- ◆ Share What you are Reading
- ◆ Ask Questions about Teen Reading
- ◆ Discuss Books/Book Clubs
- ◆ Evaluate



Mentoring

- ◆ Lives are Changed in the Context of Relationships
- ◆ More is Caught than Taught
- ◆ Spend Time Together, Building Friendship
- ◆ Boundaries, Parental Authority
- ◆ Praise/Correction Ratio 100/1

Relationship with God

- ◆ Know the Lord Individually & Together
- ◆ Take Joy in Growing in the Lord
- ◆ Be Patient, Let God Complete the Work He has Begun