

## ??IS IT WHAT IS *TAUGHT* OR WHAT IS CAUGHT??

Another View of Integrating Faith and Learning

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## ZOOMING IN ON GENERATION "Y" & GENERATION "ME"

- Gen Y - 1978-200 (76 mil)
- Heat and reality seeking
- Super digital – most technologically savvy
- "Disneyfied"
- 50% cheat/drink and drive
- Least adult contact/read
- 10% boys & 20% girls attempt suicide
- 1 in 3 over 10 sexually active

## GenY - GenMe

- Narcisistic
- "Me and my friends
- Aweless
- Damaged self esteem (We are #1 and nothing else matters\*\*)
- Choices galore – never before
- Goal-less (Whatever)
- "Buyology" syndrome

## A DIFFERENT GENERATION?

- Baby Boomers' Issues: Chewing gum; running in hallway; talking out of turn
- GenXers and GenYers: Drugs; sex; gangs; guns; cheating
- Runaways are at an alarmingly high number

## Alan Blooms' View

(The Closing of the American Mind)

- "They have been raised in comfort with the expectation of ever increasing comfort." p49
- "Religion has almost no noticeable on their social life." p82
- "There is no special value placed on virginity in oneself and in one's partner." p106
- "Nothing is more singular to this generation than its addiction to music." p68

## ORGANICALLY GROWN CHILDREN?

- Post modern children – no absolutes
- Temperance and self control out – (No IC-impulse control)
- Gene for consequential thinking missing?
- Home-grown values/worship replaced with ipod, computer, phone, facebook, my space, etc.
- Do children "know the Word of God from youth" anymore? 11Tim.3:15
- Is the "Word a lamp unto my feet" anymore?
- Ps. 119:105

## Reaching/Teaching GenY

- The Big question: Is God relevant?
- NCLB – “ All God’s Children must be taught of the Lord.” Is. 54:13
- Priority in teaching: How to count or **what** counts?
- “No matter how much you love...imperfect job...”

## Best Practices to Help Students CATCH IT!

- *“They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and those who lead many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” Dan. 12:3*
- *The teacher as – “Theotokos” – God bearing*
- *One small step for Mary, one giant step/example for those who lead many to righteousness*
- *Students may forget what you taught them, but they will always be infected by what they CAUGHT in your presence*

## 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teachers

1. “The salvation of our pupils is the highest interest entrusted to the **God-fearing** teacher.” FE117
2. “In dealing with students, teachers are to **show the love of Christ**. Without this, they will be harsh and dictatorial, driving souls away from Christ.” CT269

## 7 Habits/God-Bearing

3. “None who deal with the youth should be iron-hearted; but affectionate, tender, courteous, **winning, and companionable.**” FE457
4. “Teachers should remember that they are not dealing with men and women, but with children who have everything to learn...the dull pupil needs more **encouragement** than he receives.” CT190

## 7 Habits/God-bearing

5. “Teachers and students are to come close together in **Christian fellowship**. The youth will make mistakes and the teacher is never to forget to be compassionate and courteous.” CT269
6. “The teachers need great managing ability; they must be able to be true to principle, and yet **wise and tender**, linking love and Christlike sympathy with discipline.” 6T168

## 7 Habits/God-bearing

7. “What He taught, He lived. ‘I have given you an **example**,’ He said to His disciples, that you should do as I have done.” ED78
- The Gospel according to **YOU!**
- Sweet old story; Men read and admire; ‘Tis a wonderful story; unselfishness mirrors; you are writing each day...

## Making “Caught” Happen

- The Urchin Story
- Every teacher has an Urchin his/her classroom.  
His name is Jesus
- The “Stoddard” legacy.
- The 7 Habits: high interest, love of Christ, winning and companionable, encouragement, Christian fellowship, wise and tender, and example that you possess/display constitute the best recipe for integrating faith and learning. ***Let it be caught!***