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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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New Generation

"Each generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it." – George Orwell

"I have come to the conclusion that none of us in our generation feels as guilty about sin as we should or as our forefathers did." – Francis Schaeffer

"Who will take responsibility for raising the next generation?" – Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"I have absolutely no idea what my generation did to enrich our democracy. We dropped the ball. We entered a period of complacency and closed our eyes to the public corruption of our democracy." – Wynton Marsalis

The Hebrew writer in talking of the children of Israel from Moses' day, said, "They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways" (Heb. 3:10). What an apt description for the heart of the problem – "they have not known My ways."

It is the responsibility of each generation to make sure that the will of God is known in the next generation! Listen to the wisdom that Moses shares with us: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:6-7).

One of the scariest situations we see today is congregations of the Lord's church that discourage teaching the basic fundamentals of the faith. Instead, the church desires a good dose of sugar. They want to hear sweetness and love, and how to feel good about yourself. The late Andrew M. Connally said it so well, "My brethren are suffering from a case of synthetic diabetes. They have too much sugar in their diets."

How can we expect the next generation to know the truths of God's Word if we refuse to teach them? Do people think they will get it from osmosis? Can we dare hope that they will all want to study God's Word and hopefully stumble upon the truths that we have long held sacred and dear?

Shame on those churches who just assume that young people will learn the truths that will save their souls! Granted, a large part of this responsibility does fall on the home. But if the church doesn't seek to instill these truths, then the home will not be encouraged to impart what those children need to hear.

The late Franklin Camp was often heard to say that we are but one generation away from apostasy. If we don't teach those truths, then they will not get passed on!