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Are We Losing a Generation?

*“And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.”
Deuteronomy 6:6-7(NLT)*

Several months ago I received an email that cited a *USA Today* article regarding some of the current thinking among young Americans. When people turn away from the word of God, they find themselves adrift in a world of confusion. Here is some of what the survey reported:

In a survey of 1,200 18- to 29-year-olds, 72% say they're "really more spiritual than religious."

Among the 65% who call themselves Christian, "many are either mushy Christians or Christians in name only," Thom Rainer says. "Most are just indifferent. The more precisely you try to measure their Christianity, the fewer you find committed to the faith."

Key findings in the phone survey, conducted in August of 2009:

- 65% rarely or never pray with others, and 38% almost never pray by themselves either.
- 65% rarely or never attend worship services.
- 67% don't read the Bible or sacred texts.

Many are unsure Jesus is the only path to heaven: Half say yes, half no.

"We have dumbed down what it means to be part of the church so much that it means almost nothing, even to people who already say they are part of the church," Rainer says

See the full article at

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2010-04-27-1Amillfaith27_ST_N.htm.

As parents we need to be reminding our children of the heritage of God's word. We need to lead by example. Are you attending church? Do you pray with your children? Do you read the word of God with them?

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)