

# TEEN SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

The following placement survey should be given to your teens to determine where they stand as a group. You may make as many copies of this survey as you need for your group, or you may order them from Positive Action For Christ.

## ADMINISTERING AND GRADING THE SURVEY

The questions are grouped according to the steps described in 2 Peter 1:5-7 – faith, virtue, knowledge, character (self-control, patience and godliness) and service (brotherly kindness and love).

As you introduce the survey to the teens, ask them to be specific, honest, and complete. You must keep in mind that some teens will tend to 1) give you those answers they know you are looking for or 2) give you false information out of rebellion or just to disturb you. Others will tend to rush through the survey and give incomplete answers or one-word answers when you want explanations in detail. Thus, you must set the right atmosphere when you introduce the survey. Emphasize the importance of the survey and that this survey will be a guide for future programming. It is imperative that they be as frank as possible. Tell them to state exactly how they feel. Remind them that their name is not required to be placed on the survey, so they should be completely honest.

The survey should be repeated each year at the same time to check on your group's progress.

### FAITH—9 questions

These questions give you some idea about whether or not your teens are saved. Grade this section carefully. We have deliberately refrained from asking the teens directly if they are saved. It is easy to say yes to such a question, and it really does not tell you what you want to know. The first question, however, does ask the student to commit himself on the matter of eternity. Questions 2-4 are designed to see if the student understands the plan of salvation. These questions can throw further light on a teen's true standing before God. However, question 5 is the key question. Here the teen is faced with the evidences of salvation in his life. If a teen cannot positively state that he has had a meaningful prayer life since salvation, nor has had a hunger for the Word, nor has known a period of real joy and closeness with the Lord in the past; and if he has no real aspirations of such for the future, the evidence is overwhelming that he is not born again, though his answers to questions 1-4 may be letter perfect. Question 5 deals with his past and his future and deliberately skips over his present condition. Present conditions may vary from day to day. Thus the evidence of salvation cannot be based on a present condition.

Questions 6-9 deal with the teen's relationship to the church. These questions will give you little insight into a teen's salvation, but they can be a help in pinpointing a teen's obedience to the Lord in faithful attendance and baptism.

Grade this section skeptically. Do not assume the teen is saved. Before you give the survey, be sure to emphasize to the teens that they are *not* to give simple one-word answers. For example, some will answer question 5 with single statements such as O.K., good, great or fair. We have allowed plenty of space for them to explain their past experiences in the areas of prayer, Bible study, and joy. Ask them to be specific and to think through their answers.

### **VIRTUE—20 questions**

The first 9 questions of this section deal with one's relationship to the Lord (separation to God), and the last 11 questions deal with one's relationship to the world (separation from idols).

Be sure to emphasize that you are not looking for one-word answers, but for explanations. Of course, some questions imply a one-word answer (question 11, for example). However, for the most part these questions are designed to get the teen's true feelings about certain matters. Especially important are questions 1, 7, 8 and 9. These questions should be answered thoughtfully and thoroughly. Ask the teens to go into detail on these questions.

Question 10 deals with free time—that is, that time when teens are not in school, in church, working or studying. In other words, what do they do when there is nothing to do? The way a teen uses his free time will give you some insight into his real desires and heart attitude.

Questions 11-14 will tell you a lot about a teen's spiritual condition. Do they listen to a rock or country rock radio station? Is their favorite music godly or worldly? Watch carefully what TV programs they list.

Question 16 will help you in programming, but it will also help you see the spiritual condition of each teen. Those who rate recreation first and prayer meeting, soul winning or Bible study last, have real virtue problems.

Question 17 will be an eye opener and will help you determine those areas of separation in which your group is weak.

### **KNOWLEDGE—15 questions**

To grade this section, multiply the number of teens completing the survey times 15. Then total the number of correct answers given by the teens. A grade of 70% or less indicates a real need for more Bible study. For example, 10 teens take the survey:  $10 \times 15 = 150$  total questions asked. The teens correctly answered 85 questions (each teen averaged answering 8.5 questions correctly). Divide  $85 \div 150 = 56\%$ , indicating a dire need for teaching the basics.

Question 5 is a trick question. Of course, John the Baptist did not write any books in the Bible. That honor goes to John the Apostle.

Question 6 should be answered as follows: Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, Jonah, Nehemiah, Jesus, Paul.

### **CHARACTER—10 questions**

True character can be observed, but it is difficult to detect in a question and answer survey. Therefore, these questions deal not with inner character, but with deeper knowledge of the Word. The answers to each question should be similar to the following:

1. Grace is *God's riches at Christ's expense* or receiving something good that we do not deserve or unmerited favor.
2. The gospel is God's good news concerning the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. A person can know he is saved, NOT because he has trusted in Christ, but because God has supernaturally transformed his life since he trusted in Christ. The proof that the trusting was genuine is in a transformed life. Many claim to have trusted Christ, but their lives have never been transformed. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, those who are truly saved are new creatures and old things are passing away.
4. Inspiration means *God-breathed* and has to do with the fact that God wrote the Bible, not man.
5. Justification is *just as if I had not sinned or just as if I had died for my sins*. Justification makes one innocent of sin and righteous before a holy God.
6. Sanctification means *to set apart*. The act of sanctification is that act whereby God sets a believer aside for His glory and purpose.
7. The Rapture is that event whereby the church (believers) is caught up to be with the Lord when He appears in the air. The Revelation is that event whereby Christ returns bodily to earth with the saints to set up His kingdom and rule on earth for 1000 years.
8. There are many attributes of God. Among others, the teens may name holiness, omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, eternality, immutability, mercy, grace, love, justice, infinity and sovereignty.
9. Omniscience means *all-knowing*.

10. The baptism of the Spirit is that act whereby the Holy Spirit places a believer in Christ, and it occurs at the moment of salvation and is never repeated. Filling occurs when a believer is in the complete control of the Spirit and may occur many times in a believer's life. It empowers him for service.

Grade these questions as you graded the questions under the Knowledge section (multiplying the number of teens taking the quiz by 10, then totaling the number of correct answers by all your teens and figuring the group percentage). A grade of less than 75% indicates a need in the area of character.

### **SERVICE—5 questions**

The first two questions of this section help you determine how well your program is presently succeeding. The last question is designed to speak to the teen more than to give you information. These questions should help you see how far you have to travel before you are succeeding in your ministry.

### **HOW TO USE THE SURVEY**

Record below the percentage of your teens you feel are at the various levels:

Step 0 (unsaved)

Step 1 (saved, not separated)

Step 2 (saved, separated, little knowledge)

Step 3 (saved, separated, studying, lack deep knowledge)

Step 4 (saved, separated, studying, has deep knowledge)

Step 5 (saved, separated, studying, strong, serving)

Determine those steps where your group is weakest and where your teens are strongest. Armed with this information you can determine which steps need to be emphasized in your program.

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# TEEN SURVEY

Please be open and honest in your answers. This survey is designed to help your youth staff make plans to meet both your needs and your wants.

## I. FAITH

1. If Jesus Christ were to come back right now, what would happen to you?

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What are you depending on to get you to heaven (be specific, explain)?

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Explain in detail how you got saved (when, where, exactly how it happened).

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2. If a dying man were to ask you to tell him what he had to do to be saved, what would you tell him (be specific)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Would it have made any difference if Christ had been strangled to death rather than crucified? \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What will cause a person to lose his salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. State your honest experience regarding each of the following:

Have you ever had a time in your life when you experienced a great and meaningful prayer life? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain (when, how long it lasted, when it ceased, etc.)

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What is your desire for your future prayer life?

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Have you ever had a time in your life when you experienced a real hunger to know the Word, and you studied the Word with joy and grew in knowledge?

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Explain (when, how long it lasted, when it stopped, etc.)

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What is your goal for your future knowledge of the Word?

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Have you ever had a time in your life when you were living for the Lord and had real joy and closeness to Him? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain (when, how long it lasted, when it ceased, etc.)

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What is the deepest desire of your heart for your future relationship with the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Are you a member of a church? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is the name of the church, and when did you join?

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7. Circle services you attend at least 90% of the time: Sunday School – Sunday AM – Sunday PM – Wednesday night

8. Why do you come to church? (Please be honest.)

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9. What is baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why should a person be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you been baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. VIRTUE**

1. When do you pray and read your Bible?

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2. Describe your prayer life during the past month.

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3. How long do you spend per week in prayer and private devotions?

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4. What is your favorite passage for devotions?

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5. What is your system of personal devotions?

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6. When do you *study* the Word?

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7. Describe your present desire to know the Word.

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8. Describe what the Godhead (Father, Son, and Spirit) means to you personally (how you feel about them, how real they are to you, how intimate you are with them). \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Describe your present desire to live totally for the glory of the Lord.

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10. What do you spend most of your *free time* doing?

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11. What is your favorite radio station?

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12. What is your favorite type of music?

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13. What is your favorite record?

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14. What are your favorite TV programs (list top 3)?

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15. What are your favorite hobbies or pastimes?

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16. What do you want our youth group to do? (Rank in order of preference--1 for first choice, 2 for second choice, etc.)

- \_\_\_ Have a recreation and fun night
- \_\_\_ Have a Bible study class one night per week
- \_\_\_ Have Bible quizzes
- \_\_\_ Have a panel discussion of issues
- \_\_\_ Sing/have youth choir
- \_\_\_ Go soul winning
- \_\_\_ Weekly prayer meeting

17. Check the column where you think each of the following activities best fits.

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Wrong</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>??</b>
Going to a ballgame on Sunday			
Missing church for ball practice occasionally			
Reading comics			
Smoking marijuana			
Using the internet			
Going fishing			
Killing wild animals			
Rock music			
Christian rock music			
Dancing			
R-rated movies			
PG-rated movies			
X-rated movies			
Walt Disney movies at a theater			
Drinking socially			
Smoking			
Missing church on vacation			
Playing sports			
Girls wearing shorts			
Mixed swimming			
Watching TV			
Bowling in a league			
Reading <i>Harry Potter</i>			
Playing Dungeons and Dragons			
Playing Monopoly			

18. List your favorite magazines (top 3).

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19. List your favorite TV shows (top 3).

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20. List your favorite websites (top 3).

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### III. KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who wrote the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think about all of the contradictions in the Bible?

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2. How many books are in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name the twelve apostles. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Who wrote Leviticus (the human author)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name all the books John the Baptist wrote. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Place the following people in their chronological order: Paul, Moses, Jonah, Jesus, Noah, David, Abraham, Elijah, Nehemiah. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Who built the Ark? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name Israel's first king. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Who had twelve sons? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Who offered his son on Mount Moriah? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Who killed Goliath? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Who denied the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Who was a traveling missionary? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Who killed 450 prophets of Baal? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Write John 3:16. \_\_\_\_\_

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**IV. CHARACTER**

1. Define grace: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Define the gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How can a person know he is saved? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Define inspiration: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Define justification: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Define sanctification: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What is the difference in the Rapture and the Revelation of Christ?

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8. Name seven attributes of God: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Define omniscience: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What is the difference between the "baptism" and the "filling" of the Spirit?

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## V. SERVICE

1. What do you want to be in life (your future vocation)?

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2. Where do you plan to go to college?

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3. Have you ever taken lessons in the following:

	Yes	No
Song leading		
Voice		
Instrument (which)		
Preaching/Teaching		
Public Speaking		
Soul Winning		
Children's Work		
Audio Visuals		
Journalism		
Youth Work		
Building a library		
Missions		

4. How burdened are you

for lost souls? \_\_\_\_\_

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for world missions? \_\_\_\_\_

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