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If today’s young people are to have an equal opportunity to survive in an ever changing, increasingly complex, and highly competitive world, they must pursue education and master the workplace skills necessary to compete. These facts are especially true for Black and other minority youth.
SAVING A GENERATION
It is the joint responsibility of young people, parents, educators, the church, and the community to assure that the current generation does not get left behind!

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THE CHURCH MUST UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT

AWARENESS
(Elementary)

EXPLORATION
(Middle School/Junior High)

PREPARATION
(High School)

TALK ABOUT EDUCATION, WORK AND WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR . . .

BASIC SKILLS
Reading
Writing
Arithmetic
Mathematics
Listening
Speaking

THINKING SKILLS
Creative Thinking
Decision-Making
Problem Solving
Knowing How To Learn Reasoning

PERSONAL QUALITIES
Responsibility
Self-Esteem
Social Skills
Self-Management
Integrity/Honesty
**SOME REASONS FOR ACADEMIC LETDOWN**

1. Insufficient time spent in class preparation.
2. Failure to understand the nature of assignments or to clarify requirements with instructor.
3. Failure to carry out special assignments, papers, outside reading, and etc.
4. Lack of participation in class discussions or group projects.
5. Lack of knowledge about the use of reference materials.
6. Lack of ability to concentrate.
7. Lack of proper study environment.
8. Excessive participation in extra-curricular activities.
9. Excessive work demands.
10. Apparent lack of motivation or lack of interest in prescribed courses.
11. Lack of sufficient training in the basic skills.
   1) Reading;
   2) Writing;
   3) Speech;
   4) Mathematics

**SOME REASONS FOR ACADEMIC LETDOWN - CONTINUED**

12. Strained faculty and/or administrative relations.
13. Poor state of physical health - insufficient diet, lack of exercise or recreation, abuse of drugs, or chronic illness.
14. Lack of occupational or education goals which are in keeping with student’s ability or actual interests.

**LEARNING IS A PARTNERSHIP**

- Dorothy Rich says that sometimes we forget about the important role that families play as children become teenagers.

- Learning is a partnership between parent, child and school and the church must, as in the days of old, be a conduit to foster the same...