

FOR THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH BASED SCENERIOS

It's April of my sophomore year, I am 15 and won't be 16 until June. I have missed all the dances this year. It's been so hard. Now an older boy asked me to Junior Prom at my school! He's super nice. It's only a few months before my birthday...I don't know what to do.

I am 17 and a guy in my math class called and asked me to go out. I really like him and I'm so excited to go. He told me we are going out to eat and then to a movie. He said it's just going to be the two of us. I don't know what to do.

Finding a prom dress is so hard. It's actually going to cost me more if I choose a dress with cap sleeves. If I choose the spaghetti strap dress or the strapless dress it's cheaper! I don't have a lot of money and the dresses are so pretty! I don't know what to do.

We are having a big start of summer pool party. All the seniors from our school are celebrating graduation. It's going to be huge! A couple of my friends said they decided to buy bikinis for this party, just this once. We only graduate once right!? I don't want to be the only one who doesn't wear a bikini. I don't know what to do.

I want to take Seminary but I don't have space in my schedule for it. I have too many required classes I need to graduate. Early morning seminary is SO early! If I do that I'll be so tired everyday. I think it will be so hard to wake up. Maybe I'll just take it next year. I don't know what to do.

My friends all follow this guy on Instagram who posts really funny videos. I have seen them and most of them are hilarious. Occasionally he posts videos that are pretty inappropriate. I figure its okay to follow him as long as I try to skip over the bad videos. I'm practically the only one who doesn't follow. I'm not sure what to do.

My friends and I love to hang out and listen to music. One time I read the lyrics and I was really surprised at the crude things they sing about. So now I try not to listen to the words. I just like how the music sounds. I don't pay attention to the message. I think this is okay right!?

My family drives me crazy. My little brothers and sisters are always bugging me. My parents always ask me to babysit one weekend night and I end up missing out on fun things my friends are doing. I'm tired of it! I don't know what to do.

My family is inactive. I go to church each week by myself. I feel really sad sitting there by myself. It makes me feel angry at my parents. Aren't they supposed to be leading me?

My family recently moved to a new area. It has been difficult to make new friends. The girls in my YW group all know each other so well and I just feel left out. The only kids I have found to sit with at school are nice but they swear a bit and talk about things I wouldn't normally talk about. I guess it's better than sitting alone. I need to have friends! I don't know what to do.

School is so overwhelming. I study really hard and I still don't get A's. My parents put a lot of pressure on me to get good grades. I have some great friends who let me copy their assignments before school. It's helped me keep my grades up. It's not like I'm cheating on a test.

Girls just gossip that's normal right?! My friends always have a funny story or two about people we know. Sometimes it sounds a little rude but we don't mean it that way. People should just relax.

A girl at my school has dances in the big barn behind her house. She usually has one around all the holidays. I've heard they are tons of fun! This is the first time I've been invited. I'm so excited! All of the "popular" kids go. My friends said that it's pretty dark, the music is loud and some people pair off but we won't.

I've been staying up late after work to finish my homework. I've been going to bed very late. Getting up in the morning is so hard. My friend said she has some "energy pills" that will help get me going. I tried them yesterday and she was right. I'm going to have to take them this month while I prepare for finals. After that I can stop taking them.

I used to never see alcohol at parties. Now that we are seniors I'm seeing it more and more. Even a couple of my friends who are LDS have tried it. I don't think I ever will. I go with my friends to the parties so that I can be the one to drive them around if they drink.

I have some mistakes I need to talk to my Bishop about. I know I need some help but I'm too embarrassed. I just can't bring myself to do it. I think I'll just wait until school starts in a few months and then I'll try to get back on track.

Everybody knows that as long as you start repenting and preparing about 6 months before your mission you can still go, even if you've done some stupid things. That gives me and my friends about 2 more months to mess around, and then we need to get serious.

I go to church every Sunday. I usually just sit on my phone during Sacrament. The talks aren't that interesting. At least I'm being quiet! I use it for my scriptures so I have to bring it. Sometimes if Sunday school or YW is boring I'll text some of my friends. No one can tell. People just think I'm reading the scriptures. It's not a big deal.

I've been working for a year now. My Mom always hassles me about tithing. I don't get it! I have practically no money. I barely have enough to put gas in my car. Surely Heavenly Father understands that. When I start making more money I know I will pay it.

It's hard to read the scriptures. I try but it's hard to understand. I get totally lost. I often fall asleep. I think it's something I will do as I get older and I understand more. I can't really fit it in right now.

A couple of my friends have pierced the top ridge of their ear. It looks so cool. One of my friends pierced her nose and she wears a really small diamond. It's not obnoxious and it actually looks pretty. I don't know why it's such a big deal. The hole can close up if I change my mind. I think I might get one of those piercings and I'll just have to remove it when I go home so my Mom doesn't see it. I'll put it in each day at school.