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Christian teens on YouTube are standing for Christ against an ongoing campaign that encourages teens to deny the Holy Spirit.



Teens and young adults are sharing their faith on the popular video Web site YouTube in an effort to counter an ongoing campaign that urges people to blaspheme God. The Praise the Lord Challenge was launched roughly a month after a group of atheists began the Blasphemy Challenge in mid-December. The \$25,000 blasphemy campaign encourages people to post videos of themselves on YouTube committing the unpardonable sin by denying the existence of the Holy Spirit. Participants receive a copy of the documentary "The God Who Wasn't There." Since mid-January, Christian youth have been countering the blasphemy campaign by posting videos of themselves praising God on YouTube. "What happens when we take a stand for the Lord?" asked Praise the Lord Challenge founder Michael Mickey on a YouTube video. "The Word of God will bring people to faith in Jesus Christ." Some Praise the Lord Challenge participants have posted videos of themselves reading Scripture; others share their testimonies. One man posted a video of his young son, who he said died three times as an infant and was brought back to life and healed because of Christ. Another responder affirmed his faith in Christ, saying: "My purpose is to spread the Word and Him with every part of me. I've given Him my life, my heart, my soul. I will never deny my Lord, my Father, my very reason to live." According to One News Now, Mickey hopes youth leaders and pastors will encourage Christian teens and young adults to participate in the campaign. "When we fail to stand, no good thing comes," he said. "Christians, it's time to take a stand for the Word of God." -Felicia Mann