

Youth - continued

service (Romans 12:11; Revelation 3:16). They can excel in their work for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58). And, they can set their mind on things above (Colossians 3:1-2)

5. Be An Example in Faith

A young person should also be an example in their faith to God. Faith in God is necessary (Hebrews 11:1-3,6). A true faith will show itself in obedience and good works (James 2:14-26).

Young people also need to have a faith that does not waver. This is important (Romans 4:20; James 1:6). And, they need to have a faith that is not quenched (Daniel 3 and 6).

6. Be An Example in Purity

Finally, young people need to be pure in their thoughts, actions, and dress. They need to wear modest clothing that does not promote impure thoughts (1 Timothy 2:9). They need to have pure thoughts and deeds (Daniel 1:5,8; 1 Timothy 5:22). And, they need to avoid youthful lusts (1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22). They need to have no deceit in their life (1 Peter 2:1). Young people, go be a godly example! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

THINK before you speak. Ask yourself, is it...

- **T** - rue (Ephesians 4:25)?
- **H** - elpful (Ephesians 4:29)?
- **I** - mportant (Mark 12:28)?
- **N** - ecessary (2 Timothy 4:2-4)?
- **K** - ind (Proverbs 31:26)?

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

A Charge to Christian Youth

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity
- 1 Timothy 4:12 -

In writing to young Timothy, the Apostle Paul sets forth one of the greatest admonitions for young people ever written. While so many young people today are caught up in their small, stressful, and often meaningless world of social media and cell phones, it would be good for all of our youth to remember Paul's words. In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul reminds our young people what is really important in life. He reminds them of how they need to act to really make an impact on others around them for good.

Let No Man Despise Your Youth

The first thing Paul writes is that young people are not to let anyone despise them, or put them down. Young Christians face many challenges today, but they can be faithful to the Lord. Youth does not excuse one from proper conduct. Young people can live in such a way that they will not be despised (disrespected). Proper Christian conduct among the young will keep them from being despised.

Be An Example

The second thing that Paul writes is that young people are to be an example to others; namely, to other believers or Christians. Young people can and must set the proper example for others. Youthful respect is earned. It is not automatically given.

Young Timothy was respected because he was a faithful Christian (Acts 16:1-4). In the Old Testament, young David would not be despised by his brothers, by Saul, or by Goliath (1 Samuel 17:28-29, 31-33, 42-44). Young people need to be an example because their life affects others (Titus 2:6-8) and because they are the future of the church.

1. Be An Example in Word

The third thing that Paul writes is that young people are to be an example in six important areas of their life (see the KJV and NKJV). First, they are to be an example in what they say. Words are powerful things (Proverbs 18:21). Young people need to refrain from filthy words (Ephesians 4:29; 5:4; Colossians 3:8).

They need to use words to influence for good (Colossians 4:6; 1 Peter 3:15). They need to know that their heart con-

trols their tongue (Matthew 15:18).

2. Be An Example in Manner of Life

Young people, your daily living is also important (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Your daily living must match the standard of God's word (Ephesians 4:1). Your peers are looking at you (Matthew. 5:13-15; Philippians 2:15; 1 Peter 2:9-12). Your mind must be controlled in order to control your living (Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 4:8).

3. Be An Example in Love

Young people need to have a proper love for others. This is not the "free love" or "love affair" of the world. True love is expressed in commandment keeping (John 14:15,23; 1 John 5:1-3) and it is expressed in service to others – "charity" (1 John 3:15-18; 4:7-8). Love is also selective (1 John 2:15-17). The sinful things of the world are not to be loved.

4. Be An Example in Spirit

Young people also need to consider their attitude. One's spirit (mind / attitude / disposition) is critical. A young person can be zealous in their