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SERVING GOD IN YOUTH

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"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1).

As inspiration clearly displays, serving God in youth is crucial. Godliness (serving God faithfully), acquired as a habit in youth, is recommended by Solomon as the proper course of action for true happiness in youth and in the coming days of the hoary head. A brief look at the life of a youthful Daniel will afford us insight into how the youth of today may serve God faithfully.

Daniel was a youth with PURPOSE.

"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself" (Daniel 1:8). A young boy in a strange land, Daniel was immediately faced with a challenge to violate God's law by eating the king's food. Despite his youth and the obvious pressures to conform, Daniel "purposed in his heart" to uphold the law of God, no matter the cost.

Every young person needs to be a person of purpose. No one respects a "wishy-washy" person, someone with no direction in life. On the other hand, a strong sense of purpose often breeds respect and admiration in others. Jesus makes it very clear what the purpose of every youth is to be, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). Youth can serve God by having a strong sense of purpose.

Daniel was a youth with PRINCIPLE.

Daniel refused to defile himself by eating the king's meat and drinking his wine (Daniel 1:8). Because of the established mentality as a youth, Daniel, as an old man, refused the gifts of Belshazzar (Daniel 5:13-17), and under the threat of persecution, refused to obey the decree of Darius (Daniel 6:10).

Our youth can serve the Lord wonderfully, and set great examples for their peers, by being persons of principle. God admires those who stand by their godly principles (Psalm 15:1-5). Our society, and the church, is in need of youth who will be led by biblical principles.

Daniel was a youth of PURITY.

His opponents could not find fault in this young man. He was faultless when it came to management of his business affairs (Daniel 6:1-4). This would help to explain his rise to positions of great responsibility and power. Of course, his purity in business affairs was related to his overall purpose to please God first, and the fact that as a man of principle he could be trusted.

Our youth must also maintain purity of conduct. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). As our youth serve God, purity toward others, self, and God are a must.

Daniel was a youth of PRAYER.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10). Undoubtedly, the development of Daniel's wonderful prayer life began in his youth. Daniel knelt in prayer, a demonstration of his humility, and he prayed three times daily, a demonstration of his continual dependence upon God. Our youth must learn the lesson that the finest of God's servants must maintain regular and fixed prayer habits in order to continue stead-fast in devotion to the Lord.

If our youth will follow the examples of Daniel they will be successful in their service for the Lord. Our youth can and must be faithful servants in God's kingdom.

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Our Purpose

The editors of Seek Ye First produce this biblical journal to provide scriptural material dealing with the issues that are currently affecting our families, our nation and the world. Our intent is to challenge souls to return to the "old paths" (Jeremiah 6:16) for their sole source of authority in religious matters. Our policy is to speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11), encouraging people to study to show unto themselves approved enabling them to rightly divide the word (2 Timothy 2:15). We make every effort to deal boldly with the issues that confront Christianity, with no apology, and strive to do so "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).

THE LESSER CHILDREN OF GOD

Jeff Sweeter

There are blessings in this world that our God richly bestows, many of which we take for granted, that slip by unnoticed; they shouldn't. I would not have missed it for the world. He was so small, standing on the back of that pew. He had put his complete trust in his grandfather to hold him steady as he coyly looked out at the sparse Wednesday night assembled to practice singing and, barely audible, sang in the sweetest strains, Jesus Loves Me. Memories of my grandson's first song leading experience still brings chill bumps the size of Volkswagens. At that moment, I felt really old.

Our youth are a heritage from God (Psalm 127:3). Yet, they are often sidelined and set apart with a thick dose of condescension, the lesser children of God, relegated to the shadowy corners of church buildings to be seen and not heard. Little wonder they often do not feel a part of the family of God. We further perpetuate this myth by hiring wet-behind-the-ears "youth ministers" to coddle, cradle, and entertain them. These well-meaning young men are often graduates from our Christian colleges, pumped full of liberal subjectivism, postmodernism, and agnosticism, just looking for a market for their spiritual brain candy. They fill our youth with visions of sugarplums and fairies in lieu of solid, scriptural teaching, and funnel their adolescent angst toward uncaring and oblivious adults who end up scratching their heads and wondering why Jr. and Jr. Miss are adamant about morphing the worship service into a kumbaya camp devo. It is time to redirect our priorities and develop the potential with which God has so bountifully graced us.

God's message, over and over in the scriptures, attests to the lofty station to which He has exalted worship. He is specific in His directives (Exodus 25:9; Hebrews 8:5); and He is intent on obedience (Leviticus 10:1-2; Matthew 15:8-9). Mature Christians have a responsibility to convey to their younger siblings the divine import of worship. We are accountable to children who reach the age of accountability; when that light dawns in their minds, the influence of our light in Christ must be visible, bright, and inviting. Too often, adults approach worship as a drudgery to be endured in order to enjoy other, more pleasurable aspects of Christian fellowship. Instead of nurturing this anemic attitude, we should show by example the seriousness and priority that worship holds for the Christian. It will motivate us to do at least three things.

First, we need to educate our youth. It is foolhardy to expect our youth to grow "up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4) if parents are not involved. Instead of relegating our responsibilities to a glorified babysitter, parents should be knee-deep in the spiritual affairs of their children. When baseball, soccer, football, ad naseum, is the sole focus of our encouragement, it should be no surprise when they relegate worship to a minor annoyance. When jobs, careers, vacations, visiting kinfolks, and various and sundry other secular pursuits crowd out assembly attendance, parents are teaching their children what they really think about worship. When demands of accountability and responsibility for grades and credits are standard fare, yet Bible classes (Sunday morning or Wednesday evening) are optional, to be attended only when the alarm goes off too early, it sets in

cement the belittling of Bible study. One cannot be taught wrong and learn right: if our life reflects our placement of secular jobs and entertainment before worship, righteous worship will not last.

Second, we need to include our youth. We have such talented and gifted young people today. Their exposure to technology has accelerated their development and maturity and, while most would bemoan this premature loss of innocence, few are ready to remedy the situation by harnessing that trend. Young Christians should be included in leading the worship service and involved in Bible classes. Young men need to be taught not only to pray but also they need to be included on the list of public servers. Young women need to be taught not only to teach but also they need to be given the opportunity to sit at the feet of an elder stateswoman and participate, hands on, in the teaching of children. In-service, on-the-job training helps to make the worship real, gives relevance to their participation, and instills within them their true sense of value in God's service. There exists no dichotomy between old and new Christians in a worship service to God in which all participants come before His throne with praise.

Third, and finally, we need to commend our youth. There is no substitute for uplifting words and deeds that express in real time the appreciation for effort, sincerity, and dedication. Warts and all, young people are selfconscious enough about their stumbling and struggle without being badgered over minutia. If we want our youth to reverence God in an appropriate way, we must encourage them even when they fail in their attempts at perfection. This is not to say that we should support deviations from true worship or tolerate innovation of any stripe, but we should realized that a learning curve is just that: a curve. Loving, patient correction, instead of denigrating, scoffing, or castigating, will go a long way in maturing young people. Expectations do not have to be compromised in order to use gentleness in our guidance. Plainly, from 1 Corinthians, chapters five and eight, and Romans fourteen, we should understand that a divine double standard is not only appropriate, but also essential, in dealing with growth. Holding babes in Christ to the same standard as mature, meat-eating Christians (Hebrews 5:11ff) is unjust; cowardice in regard to the mature and a discouragement to the developing adolescent. It really is no challenge to look for ways to inspire and inspirit, and the rewards will be sound churches filled with focused worshipers who support sound doctrines.

Worship to our great God in Heaven is too important, wonderful, and understandable to short-change our young people. In order that they "may grow up into him in all things" (Ephesians 4:15), a concerted, concentrated effort must be implemented from the foundations to the peripherals of our spiritual education to train up our children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). The importance of worship should be ever present "as frontlets between (their) eyes" (Deuteronomy 6:8). The ecstasy of approaching the throne of God's presence should make them "glad when they... go into the house of the LORD" (Psalm 122:1). And, "the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3), concerning worship particularly, should never suffer corruption at the hands of a neglectful, apathetic, or inattentive church membership. Our young people are not the lesser children of God.

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WHAT YOUTH CAN DO

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YOUNG LIONS

Michael Light

There is no doubt that the days in which we live are extremely trying for all Christians. However, it is especially difficult for young people to overcome all of the moral obstacles that our modern culture places within their path. In reading the book of Ephesians we find a picture of the armor that a Christian is supposed to put on in order to stand against the assaults of the devil. This entire issue of Seek Ye First is dedicated to helping our young people as they attempt to serve the Lord in the days of their youth.

An ingredient that must be present if they are going to overcome the dark one is courage. I know the political correctness crowd abhors real courage and commitment, but we in the church must have it. We will now examine some young lions (young people of courage) in the Bible. The hope is that our young people can look to these biblical heroes, and gain courage from their examples.

The Courage of Young David

One of the greatest young biblical characters who displayed great courage was David. We find the first story of this young man's tremendous courage in 1 Samuel 17. David had been sent by his father to check on his brothers (who were soldiers in Saul's army). Once he arrived he heard Goliath, a Philistine giant, challenge the army of God. Not one man in Saul's great army would go out and fight Goliath. David (though a young man) was incensed at the belligerence of Goliath. He was offended at the insults the giant casts at the name of God. David was angry and prepared to fight for what was right.

He voiced his willingness to go out and do battle. His courage was met with disdain and rebuke. His own brethren chided him for his "arrogance" (it wasn't arrogance, it was courage). But David was determined. He was young, but he was also convicted. He knew that God would be with the man who had the courage to go out and meet the enemy of God.

After meeting with King Saul, David was allowed to go out and fight on behalf of the Jewish army. We see his courage displayed in brilliant fashion just before the battle itself. Goliath is very disrespectful toward David and bragged that he would kill David. He made fun of David's weaponry. "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods" (1 Samuel 17:43) Notice the young man's bold response, "Thou comest to me with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied" (1 Samuel 17:45). He then proceeds to inform Goliath that his body was going to be eaten by buzzards.

David then runs toward the giant (he was aggressive and bold) and kills him with a stone, thrown with a sling. "And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled" (1 Samuel 17:51). God rewarded this young man because of his courage.

The Courage of the Young Jewish Captives

Another great section of scripture lauding the courage of young people is found in the book of Daniel. The historical setting of this material is that of destruction and despair. These young men had witnessed a brutal war in their homeland. They had been captured and dragged several hundred miles from their homes. The world that they had known was destroyed and their lives had been turned upside down.

As bad as their condition was, their courage never wavered. The level of our commitment is usually best seen in days of trials and problems. Once these young slaves reached Babylon they were placed under the charge of keepers who were responsible for their upkeep. The food that was provided presented a problem for those who wished to remain faithful to God's directives concerning diet. I'm not sure what was wrong with the food (many theories have been put forth) but something was out of harmony with the word of God.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Notice, that these young people did not give in to peer pressure (apparently all the other Jewish slaves did eat). Real courage does what is right regardless of what the crowd does. In short, God was with these four young men (Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego). They received great blessings from the Lord because of their loyalty to Him and His word.

Modern Day Youth and Courage

Many more examples of courageous youth could be given, but these should be sufficient to make the point that God expects courage from young Christians as well as older ones. Young people, do not make excuses. You need to develop great courage for the truth if you are going to be what God would have you be. You need to become a young lion in the kingdom of God. God has given us a spirit of power not timidity. The young people mentioned above were strong and courageous. How about you?

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Guest Article...

A POSITIVE INFLUENCE POTENTIAL

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Without doubt, young men and women have strong temptations and thus Paul through inspiration utters the command to "flee also youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22). Especially to the young are the words of Peter applicable wherein he declares, "abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). Thus, to any and all young people the words of Psalm 119:9-11 should forever be accepted and followed. The texts states, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." It is possible to live pure and faithful lives—even in one's youth!

However, pure living—while obviously necessary—is not enough. Godly young people are able to do more for God and His cause. They can be evangelistic. Younger people, whether in junior high, high school, college and even young married couples have special and unique evangelistic opportunities that older generations often do not have. Furthermore, those who are younger can encourage the elderly by conducting themselves in respectful and decent ways. Likewise, they can participate in worship and meaningful Bible study. Additionally, they can pray fervently even as Daniel and his three young friends prayed fervently (Daniel 2:17-19), and exert a positive influence on their peers. It is to this potential good that the remainder of this article will be directed.

The potential influence of those who are younger is without question. Young people will influence other people in some way. As the saying goes, "no man is an island unto himself." The question each person should ask himself is, "How will I influence other people? Is my influence (as depicted by others and as viewed by Almighty God) positive or negative?" Clearly, we know of countless examples of negative and sinful influences among youth; however, young people can also be positive patterns in their homes and communities, as well. Consider two Bible examples of youth who "let their light shine."

Consider Joseph. Genesis 37-50 addresses the account of a young man named Joseph. When Joseph is introduced to us in Genesis 37:2, the text says, "Joseph being seventeen years old...." Joseph was terribly abused by his physical brothers. He was literally sold into slavery. In slavery, he was framed by a seducing woman and thrown into prison. Yet, his faith did not waver. Later, after Joseph had risen from the prison

to the palace, he told his brothers, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good" (Genesis 50:20). A thorough study of the life of Joseph will show not only his godly character, but also his influence for good. He influenced his family, his fellow prisoners, his fellow citizens, his government, et cetera. Joseph was a young man, but even in his youth, Joseph was faithful and influential.

Consider Daniel. Daniel, along with his three friends lived pure and faithful lives. History tells us that Daniel and these young men were probably between 14 and 17 years old when their capture took place. These young men were "children in whom was no blemish...well favoured...skillful in all wisdom...and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace" (Daniel 1:4). They were rent from their homeland, carried to a foreign land, stripped of their normal masculinity through the humiliating act of castration, and yet in them we see the most noble traits of goodness imaginable! Daniel 1:8 holds the key. Concerning Daniel, it says, "But Daniel purposed in his heart...." Throughout the chapters of the Book of Daniel the character and influence of these young men is seen. In fact, Daniel 1:9 gives some insight into this influence to which we speak when it declares, "Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs." It is indeed amazing how both Joseph and Daniel were able to influence even "heathen" for good while being in dreadful situations. Yet what can young people in 2004 learn from these things? In short, what do such examples mean for today's youth? These lessons serve as a fitting overview:

- 1. Young people ARE ABLE to live lives filled with purity and positive influence.
- 2. Young people ARE ABLE to live lives filled with purity and positive influence even when faced with tough situations and even when among "heathen" people.
- 3. Young people ARE ABLE to influence their families, their classmates and their society for good.
- 4. Young people ARE ABLE to "purpose in their heart" to live proper lives.

Space will not allow for discussions regarding the young man who carried Jonathan's armor, the young seventeen-year-old David who "ran" toward the giant and the young man, Timothy who from a child knew the Holy Scriptures. Young people will always influence. The question is, "How will they influence?"

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YOUNG PEOPLE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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One of the overriding themes of this issue of *Seek Ye First* is the fact that young people are important to the church. They are part of the body of Christ, and should see themselves as crucial to the work of the church. I fear that sometimes our youth is relegated to little more than spectators in the life of the local congregation.

I know that many congregations have Timothy and Dorcas classes, which are geared primarily to the development of young men and women in the works of the church. But, often these classes are the extent of their work in the congregation. Our young men who can, should lead prayers, singing and wait on the Lord's Table, often, just like their older counterparts.

Brother Sweeten's article deals with this topic (youth in public worship) in detail so I will progress to a different area of works for our youth to consider. Our young people need to realize how valuable they are (or at least can be) to the church. There are areas of work that are open to them that are not open to those of us who are older.

School A Rich Mission Field

While I doubt many of our school age members think about it, the schools they attend are rich mission fields. The opportunity to teach nonmembers is great. While we certainly wish to encourage our young people to excel in the academic and athletic pursuits available at school, we also wish to remind them of the chance they have to share Christ and the cross with their friends at school.

Young people need to be reminded that God expects them to be a Christian wherever they may be. We're not just to think of God on Sundays and Wednesdays, but each and every day. It is rare indeed to meet a teenage Christian who is what they should be at school. I know it may not be popular but as a young child of God we must put Him first. We need to be more mindful of God's approval than that of our friends.

Helpful Hints on Methods to Teach

- •First impressions need to be watched carefully. Nothing sends the wrong message or closes a door quicker for a young person than inappropriate clothing. The fashion industry is currently an enemy of Christianity. Hip huggers, mid-drift shirt, tank-tops, tight shirts, short shorts, etc... should not be seen on a child of God. We need to be sure that our dress doesn't blind people to what we have to say about Jesus.
- •Our langue must also be noble and wholesome. Foul language has no place in the mouths of God's children. Telling off colored jokes (or laughing at such) shouldn't

define who we are. We need to hold ourselves to a higher standard (no matter what everyone else is doing). If we are known as one who cusses you can be sure your influence will be minimal.

- •Our attitude should be good and respectful. Many kids in the school systems display rotten attitudes toward teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and fellow-students. This type of behavior isn't cool, it's crude, and sinful. A Christian isn't a rebellious person. We are to go along with those who have authority over us, as long as they are not asking us to sin (Romans 13).
- •We should be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15). If we do live faithfully, and live differently, there will be questions asked by our friends at school. We must study (2 Timothy 2:15) so as to have the knowledge necessary to answer the religious questions when asked.
- •We need to be prepared to stand up against our teachers when they teach error. This one needs to be done very carefully. Certain classes (science in particular) could be antagonistic to the faith. If a teacher begins to teach evolution to a class the child of God is obligated to defend the truth (Jude 3). However, they need to maintain the utmost in respect as they do it. I would recommend asking questions of the teacher more so than trying to lecture them. Several in the church (Bert Thompson in particular) have provided plenty of material to be used in destroying the false doctrine of evolution. Students need to be familiar with the real scientific data and they should practice (in anticipation of the discussion) how they are going to deal with various issues when they arise. Most high school teachers are going to be basically ignorant of the data supporting creation. If a student has the courage and the proper disposition to present the material much good can be done in our classrooms to falsify this damnable doctrine.
- •Saying a word for truth on social issues is another area where God's young people can make their presence felt. Abortion, homosexual marriage, premarital sex, etc., are topics that will come up and are sometimes subjects discussed in written and oral assignments. A right thinking young person can do a world of good if they will.

Use It Or Loose It

To my young brother and sisters I remind you that these opportunities you currently have in school will not last forever. Make the most of the opportunities that God has given you.

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A FATHER SPEAKS

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I am a father and a grandfather, and believe it or not, I was once a youth. I have experienced growing up from two vantage points: 1) from that of a youth, and 2) from a loving and concerned father. Thus, from my experiences of growing up, and from my experiences of seeing my children grow into adulthood, I have six valuable pieces of advice that I pray our youth of today will consider seriously as the grow into maturity.

Choose your friends wisely. It is my belief that the choosing of friends is one of the most critical areas in a young persons life. Whom we choose to associate with will have an enormous and lasting impact on our lives. This is why Paul said, "Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupt good habits" (1 Corinthians 15:33; NKJV). In like manner, Solomon declared, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20). Solomon wished that his son would "walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous" (Proverbs 2:20). Precious young people, you need to choose friends who will help you get to heaven—not hinder you. Something is wrong when our best friends are people of the world. Should not our best friends be those of "like precious faith" (2 Peter 1:1)?

Listen carefully and honestly to your parents. Believe it or not, our parents have a great deal of wisdom. It may come as a shock to many youth, but parents were once young as well. Parents remember what it was like to have to deal with the issues of growing up. I know that many things have seemed to change, but in reality only the cover has changed—underneath the cover the issues are the same. The issues of modesty, premarital sex, substance abuse, peer pressure, popularity, "keeping up with the Jones," and the like, are basic difficulties in every generation. So young people, listen carefully to the advice and wisdom of your parents. "A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke" (Proverbs 13:1). "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (Proverb 4:20-22).

Marry a Christian. A crucial mistake that too many young people make is marrying someone who is not a Christian. When we are dating and looking for our soul mate, we need to be looking for someone who will help us go to heaven. Sometimes this is difficult when you are in a smaller congregation with few of your age from which to choose. This is why I believe it is important for Christian young people from various congregations to spend time

with each other. Time can be spent together in summer Bible camp, Summer Youth Series, Bible Bowl, and various other kinds of youth gatherings. Young people, you do not need to be in a hurry to date or get married—there is plenty of time. Be sure you make your choice looking toward eternity and not the here and now. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath right-eousness with unrighteousness?" and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14).

Be a student of God's word. Of the youthful Timothy it was said, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). One of the reasons that our youth make the wrong choices in life is they are spiritually uninformed. Parents play a major role in the instructing of their children, but the youth of God must also take personal responsibility for learning the word of God. Making good grades in school is important—but learning the word of God is much more important. Knowledge of math or chemistry will not help you make good moral decisions and will not prepare you for heaven. Remember these words of inspiration, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me" (Proverbs 8:17).

Be a leader—not a follower. Another fatal mistake that many young people make is following and not leading. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). Instead of following their peers away from the Lord, our youth must be leading their peers to the Lord. Be a trendsetter! Be a good example! Help your friends by leading them to Christ.

Remember the law of the harvest. The apostle Paul declared, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8). One cannot avoid the law of the harvest. Many young people have made horrible mistakes in their life, and were forgiven of their sins, but they still had consequences to endure—and some for the rest of their life. Be very careful with every decision you make knowing that each choice we make has consequences. Choose carefully and wisely.

This father deeply loves his children and all young people, and prays they will heed his words of advice!

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