

How to Ensure our Youth are the Hope of the Future May 15-16, 2021

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Young people, it's wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do. So refuse to worry, and keep your body healthy. But remember that youth, with a whole life before you, is meaningless.

Why God Says being Young is Awesome:

- Being young is the most wonderful time of life. Vs 9a •
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- Being young presents the endless <u>possibilities</u> of each day. Vs. 9c
- Being young provides the energy to do it all. Vs. 9d •
- Being young should be bridled by accountability to God. Vs. • 9e
- Being young sets the course for my physical and spiritual • future. Vs. 10a

How can the church support every young person God brings to us?



Accept and appreciate their unique individual SHAPE.

1 Timothy 4:12a (NLT)

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.

What's the opposite of disregarding a teenager? Regarding them with the highest value, just as God does.

Jesus' disciples were teenagers – 15-19 years old.

Matthew 17:27 (NLT)

"However, we don't want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us."



Encourage and affirm them constantly.

1 Timothy 4:12b (NLT) Be an example to all believers in what you say...

"Jesus made teenagers into world changers."

Matthew 28:19-20 (TPT)

"Now wherever you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age."



<u>Give</u> them responsibility in the church and <u>trust</u> them to do it.

1 Timothy 4:12c (NLT)

Be an example to all believers... in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.



<u>Demonstrate</u> to every teenager the <u>unconditional</u> love and grace of God.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NLT)

Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Memory Verse for May, 2021

1 Peter 5:7-8 (NLT)

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