

“Remember Your Creator”

Introduction

- I. Solomon reminds young people to seek God early in life (Eccl. 11:9–12:7).
 - A. Ecclesiastes tells us to enjoy life, but don't forget about the judgment.
 - B. We will all return to the dust from whence we came.
- II. Every year hundreds of thousands of teenagers are subjected to a commencement speech at their graduation from high school.
 - A. They listen as their classmates, teachers and administrators tell them what they should expect in life.
 - B. They are encouraged to pursue their education and dreams.
 - C. All too often, they are not reminded to seek God first in their lives.
- III. Why should the young remember God in their youth?

Discussion

- I. God Is Your Creator**
 - A. God knows more about you than you will ever know about yourself.
 - B. “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jer. 10:23).
 - C. At an early age you need to “number your days” (Psa. 90:10–12).

- II. It Will Increase Your Chances For A Long Life**
 - A. Obedience to the will of God will increase your chances for a long life.
 - 1. The “first commandment with promise” (Eph. 6:1–3; Deut. 5:16).
 - 2. Length of days and peace (Prov. 3:1–2; 1 Tim. 4:8).
 - B. Sin is self-destructive (Prov. 1:10–19).
 - 1. God is looking out for our best interests.
 - 2. You might be too young to realize this now.
 - 3. Alcohol, drugs, and reckless living will destroy you.
 - C. At one time, your parents were exactly the same age that you are now!

- III. You Will Not Forget Him In Your Old Age**
 - A. One of the reasons your parents brought you to Bible class (Prov. 22:6).
 - B. Timothy was the recipient of a faith which had endured through three generations (2 Tim. 1:5).
 - C. The reason we do not have more young people like Timothy is because we lack parents and grandparents like his.

IV. Your Life Will Be Happier

- A. You will not have many of the worries of your friends (Prov. 3:21–26).
- B. Six reasons to avoid fornication (1 Cor. 6:13–20).
 - 1. The body is for the Lord (1 Cor. 6:13).
 - 2. The resurrection (1 Cor. 6:14).
 - 3. Join members of Christ to a harlot (1 Cor. 6:15–17).
 - 4. Sin against your own body (1 Cor. 6:18).
 - 5. We are the temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19).
 - 6. Bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18–19).

V. Through Your Example, Others Will Be Led To Christ

- A. Timothy was to be an example (1 Tim. 4:12–16).
- B. The young maid in 2 Kings 5:3 did what she could in a bad situation.
- C. You can be an example to your parents in Bible study and devotion.

Conclusion

- I. Enjoy your life, but remember the judgment (Eccl. 11:9).
- II. You have more opportunities than your parents ever dreamed of.
 - A. Use them well.
 - B. No matter if you are a doctor, lawyer or Indian chief—put God first!
- III. Parents often give wrong reason for telling children to go to school.
 - A. “Get an education so you can make a lot of money.”
 - B. “Go to the right school so you can meet the right person to marry.”
 - C. The real reason for your education is so you may serve God better!