



How Shall The Young Remember Their Creator?

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INTRODUCTION

- But I want you to notice that the Lord speaks specifically to you in several passages where it's obvious that he has you in mind in truths that will last a lifetime.
- So he doesn't overlook young people because you're important. And that tells us that we have special responsibilities that come with this time of our life.
- Solomon said that there are certain things you can hold on to that you can have confidence will never change because they are truths that are eternal.

1 Remember Whose You Are

Ecclesiastes 12:1

- Remember whose you are. Not remember who you are, but whose.
- Solomon said, in this very confusing time, you don't forget that God made you. You belong to Him. And that alone makes you someone very special.
- God made you. He could have made you any way he wanted to make you, anytime he wanted to make you, but he made you right here, right now.
- Number one, your creator gave you your looks.
- Remember whose you are. God gave you your talents. And so you use those for him.
- But for your family, God decided. He gave you your mother, your father, your grandparents.

2 Remember When You Are

1 Samuel 2:26; Luke 2:52; Daniel 1:8

- If you're a young person who makes it a priority to stay connected to God, then you will most likely be an older person who stays connected to God.
- The Bible doesn't make excuses for young people that way. In fact, it goes to great lengths to describe some characters who were young and still made righteous choices.
- Daniel made up his mind. He made up his mind. He decided. He did not wait until he was in the moment.
- Just because you are young does not mean that you don't have to serve God. You need to be very careful about playing the waiting game.
- If you're too busy to serve God right now, what will you do then?
- Now is the time to make the worship services non negotiable.

3 Remember Where You Are Going

Ecclesiastes 11:9; Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

- Rejoice, young man during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood, and follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes.
- God wants you to rejoice in your youth. He is not a killjoy who delights in depriving you of pleasure.
- Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things. He wants you to rejoice, but he also wants you to remember the judgment.
- Don't think that just because you're in the days of your youth that automatically you will reach the days of old age.
- You're building your character. You're shaping who you are in the days of your youth.
- Fear God and keep his commandments. Why? For God will bring every act to judgment. Everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

THE CHALLENGE

Remember whose you are. You belong to him. Remember when you are. You're in the days of your youth. Don't fight that. Use that. Because you won't have them back. And you remember where you're going.

MY NOTES
