Steubenville Ohio Story: What's Happening To America's Youth?

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INTRODUCTION

- If the foundations are destroyed, what are the righteous to do?
- It seemed to me that the story was exposing what are some very real dangers that godly people, that parents and grandparents and young people need to be thinking about.
- I don't like preaching this sermon. But I feel like I need to.

1 A Teenage Girl Got Drunk

Titus 2:11–13; Proverbs 23:29–35

- God doesn't want us drinking alcohol because alcohol mess with the mind.
- Impairment from alcohol will begin with the very first drink you take.
- For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires, and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age.
- As servants of Jesus, we rein in all of our passions and we submit them to the will of Christ.
- Start drinking. And from the very beginning of that process, the alcohol begins to erode your sobriety.
- Your eyes will see strange things. Your mind will utter perverse things.

2 Two Young Men Did an Awful Thing

Genesis 39:7–9; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:6–9

- It is a disturbing snapshot of two boys with no moral compass.
- How then could I do this great evil? And sin against God.
- This is a boy with a moral compass, an absolute sense that certain things were right and certain things were wrong.
- Bring them up, the Holy Spirit says, in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- That's a parent's responsibility to ingrain on the heart of the child convictions and morality rooted in the word of God.
- Kids are not supposed to figure out morality for themselves. They're to be trained in the Word of God by mom and dad.

3 A Lot of People Thought Little of It

Proverbs 4:23; Ephesians 6:4

- There were other kids present. And yet nobody stepped up to try to stop the crime.

- Evidently it wasn't just the two boys that assaulted the girl who lacked any moral sensibilities at all.
- We live in a culture saturated with sensual images.
- Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flowed the springs of life.
- We need to do what we can to prevent our kids from being corrupted by pornography. We need to try to build a wall in our family to protect our children.
- We need to talk to our kids about moral purity and respect for the opposite sex and valuing other people.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you his? You on his side tonight? As the foundation crumbles, are you standing on his solid foundation?

MY NOTES