

The Bulletin

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“Young People”

By Hugh Fulford

As is the case with old people, the Bible has much to say about young people. In some respects, both “young” and “old” are relative terms. Even after I was in my 60s, I would sometimes be told, “You are still a young man.”

To me, anyone under 60 is young. Consider some things the Bible tells us about young people.

Joseph was only 17 years old when he was sold by his envious brothers into Egyptian slavery, but in Egypt, he rose to great heights in the government, and later was used by the Lord to save his family from a famine in Canaan (Genesis 37:2).



While still a child, Samuel was turned over to Eli, God’s priest, by his mother to be trained for service to the Lord. Samuel grew up to become a judge, a prophet, and a powerful spiritual leader of God’s people. But it all began when he was very young (I Samuel 1:19-28).

David was the youngest of Jesse’s son and the least likely to be chosen to succeed Saul as the king of Israel, yet he was the Lord’s choice (I Samuel 16:1-13). When David went out to meet the Philistine giant in battle he was “but a youth” (I Samuel 17:33), yet he slew the giant with a sling and a stone, then ran to the fallen body of Goliath, drew the giant’s own sword from its sheath, and cut off his head (I Samuel 17:45-51).

Mary, who would become the mother of Jesus, was a young virgin. The Bible does not tell us her age, but according to some of the apocryphal works, she may have been as young as 12 to 14 years old when she became espoused to Joseph. She may have not been more than in her mid to upper teens when Jesus was born, being conceived in her, not by Joseph, but by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26-28; 2:1-40).

At the age of 12, Jesus was in the Jerusalem temple, “sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.” It is said that “all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers” (Luke 2:41-47). From his youth, “Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52). What a pattern for youth today!

Jesus was still young, about 30, when he began His public ministry (Luke 3:23). Throughout His ministry, Jesus demonstrated His love for people of all ages. He loved young people, especially little children, declaring that “of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:13-14), and saying that older people must be converted and “become as little children” in order to enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3).

On one occasion Jesus raised a little 12-year-old girl from the dead (Luke 8:40-56). He was disappointed when the rich young ruler, who had so much going for him, nevertheless refused to follow Him (Matthew 19:16-22). Christ was only about 33 years old when He went to the cross, dying for the sins of the world.

While still young, Saul of Tarsus came to Jerusalem to study under Gamaliel (Acts 22:3; 26:4). After his conversion to Christ and appointment to the apostleship, he mentored two young men, Timothy and Titus, in the gospel ministry and they became like sons to him (I Timothy 1:2; II Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4).

While there are lusts and sins that are especially common to young people (see Psalms 25:7), Paul urged Timothy to flee youthful lusts (II Timothy 2:22), and exhorted him to live in such a way as to “Let no one despise

your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (I Timothy 4:12).

An interesting side note on the ministry of Paul is seen in that on one occasion he preached an extra-long sermon and a young man by the name of Eutychus got sleepy and fell out of the third-story window of the building where the services were being held. Paul rushed down and raised him from the dead (Acts 20:7-11). (If you get sleepy in church, watch where you sit. Preachers today still sometimes preach long sermons, but, unlike Paul, none of them has the power to raise anyone from the dead!)

While there are some negatives that characterize young people such as a lack of experience and wisdom and sometimes a failure to listen and learn from older, wiser people, young people nevertheless have a lot going for them if they will use the years of their youth wisely and listen to older and wiser people.

Young people are enthusiastic, energetic, and full of life. They are quick to learn and pick up new things easily (for example, technology). They are not rigid or “set in their ways,” but are open to new ideas. (This trait has both its pros and its cons, and young people need to be careful that they not be led into ways that are contrary to God’s word).

For the most part, young people are approachable, friendly, and outgoing. They are honest and will tell you what they think. Their dreams are all ahead of them: education, job, marriage, children of their own, and many other wonderful things. The future of the Lord’s church, the future of our country, and the future of our world lie with today’s young people.

Solomon wrote, “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come and the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’” (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

“Understanding Your Purpose”

by Doy Moyer

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps” (I Peter 2:21).

We have been called to a purpose, but unless we understand Christ’s purpose, we will not understand our purpose.

When Jesus asked the disciples who they thought he was, it was Peter who confessed, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

But it was also Peter who, when Jesus told them that He had to suffer and die, objected. Jesus told him, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man” (Matthew 16:23).

Peter properly confessed who Jesus is, but He didn’t understand Jesus’ purpose. He had his own ideas about what that purpose was supposed to be, and he became Jesus’ adversary at that moment.

We can properly confess Jesus’ identity, but that doesn’t mean we understand His purpose. And if we don’t understand His purpose, how can we possibly understand ours?

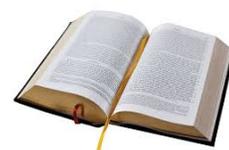
In context, Peter said we need to be willing to submit and to suffer, just like Jesus did. The problem is that we have other ideas about the nature of our purpose. “No, Lord, you don’t understand. We have rights. We aren’t supposed to suffer. And we don’t like being told what to do.” And Jesus would say, “Get behind Me, Satan...”

Until we align our purpose with Christ’s purpose, we are setting our minds on the things of men rather than God.

Memory Verse of the Week:

Matthew 4:19-20 (NKJB)

“Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.”



“Second Chances”

I. Jonah- Jonah 1:1-17; 2:1-10.

1. Why did Jonah try to run away? _____.
2. Did it do any good? _____.
3. What made Jonah repent? _____.
4. What made God release Jonah? _____.
5. Was God Fair with Jonah? _____.

II. The Ninevites- Jonah 3:1-10.

1. What did Jonah preach? _____.
2. Did the Ninevites have the right idea in trying to change God’s mind? _____.
3. Did God make them repent, and do that for them, or was it actually their acts? _____.
4. Was God fair with them? _____.

III. King Manasseh- 2 Chronicles 33:1-9; 10-20.

1. Why did God “de-throne” this bad king? _____.
2. Why did God restore him to the throne? _____.
3. What can we learn from this story? _____.

IV. Peter- John 21:1-19.

1. What had Peter done previously (**John 18:25-27**) to deny Jesus? _____.
2. Why was Peter grieved in verse 17? (**John 13:38**) _____.
3. Did the Lord fully restore Peter to Himself? (**Luke 22:31**) _____.

V. Simon the Sorcerer- Acts 8:12-24.

1. Did Simon obey the gospel? (**8:12-13**) _____. Was he saved? _____.
2. What did Simon try to do? _____.
3. What do you think his motive was? _____.
4. Did he seem to be open to repentance and being forgiven? _____.
5. What is the lesson for us? (**1 John 1:7-9**) _____.

VII. Application:

1. Recognize The Fact That God Will Give “Second Chances.”
2. Recognize The Fact That God Acts In Response To Our Deeds.
3. And Don’t Fail To Receive God’s Grace and Mercy— Act!

“Living Peaceably With All Men”

Lesson Text: **Romans 12:17-18.**

I. What Is Living Peaceably?

A. Living in a peaceful way??

1. First, What is peace?

eireneuo (εἰρηνεύω, 1514), primarily, “to bring to peace, reconcile,” denotes in the NT, “to keep peace or to be at peace”: in Mark 9:50, rv, the Lord bids the disciples “be at peace” with one another, gently rebuking their ambitious desires; in Rom. 12:18 (rv, “be at peace,” kjv, “live peaceably”) the limitation “if it be possible, as much as in you lieth,” seems due to the phrase “with all men,” but is not intended to excuse any evasion of the obligation imposed by the command;” **Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 464).**

B. Peace (Webster)

1 a state of tranquility or quiet:

a freedom from civil disturbance.

b a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom.

2 freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions.

3 harmony in personal relations.

C. Where Do We Need To Have Peace?

1. The World- John 16:33. 2. The Home- 1 Peter 3:7. 3. The Church- Acts 9:31.

II. How To Live Peaceably With All Men.

- Be Willing To Follow God’s Way of Peace- **James 3:13-18.**
- Recognize The Sin of Failing To “Live Peaceably.” **James 3:14-16.**
- First, Be At Peace With Yourself- **Luke 10:5-6; Isaiah 48:22.**
- Eliminate Whatever Behaviors That Destroy Peace-
Proverbs 6:19; 10:12; 15:18; 17:19; 22:10; 26:20-21; 28:25.
- Pursue Peace with all men- **Romans 14:19-20; Hebrews 12:14.**
- Be Willing To Let Go Of The Past & Forgive- **Philippians 3:13; Eph. 4:32.**
- Do Whatever It Takes To Have Peace- **Luke 6:29-30; Acts 22:15-26.**
- Sometimes Separations Must Occur- **Genesis 13:7-11; Acts 15:36-41.**
- Do Good To & Pray For Others- **Romans 12:19-21.**

Conclusion: 2 Corinthians 13:11.

News and Notes: Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, June Lawson (Lisa Busby's Mom), Debbie Keplinger, Janis Johnson, Daniel Holloway, Betty Hurst, Peggy Harville (cancer), Clois Wright, Linda Hunt, Mollie Harris, David Taylor, Randy Beaty, Sam Johnson, Sherry Doles, Steve Switcher, Roy Robinson, Danny Cottrell The family of Phillip Keathley (passed away Thursday), Mrs. Jennie Daniel (Dan and Lynlie's neighbor)

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer:	Adam Harris
Preaching:	Brian Meade
Sermon #1:	<i>"Second Chances"</i>
<u>Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:</u>	Jerry Kennemur
	1 Corinthians (Mike Willis)
	<i>Page 27, Question #6</i>

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements:	Russell Briggs
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:	Jerry Kennemur
	<i>Romans 12:17-18</i>
Song Leader:	Dan Cottrell
Lord's Supper:	Fred Johnson
Assisting:	— —
Preaching:	Brian Meade
Sermon #2:	<i>"Living Peaceably With All Men"</i>
Closing Prayer:	Tim Harris Jr.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

June 2nd:

Auditorium Bible Class:	Paul Johnson
	The Book of Proverbs (Mike Willis)
	<i>Page 32, Question #1</i>
Invitation:	Russell Briggs
Song Leader:	Paul Busby
Closing Prayer:	Tim Harris Jr.

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