

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.  
<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander  
from your commandments!

Psalms 119:9-10 ESV



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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# 10 things Christian youth should know:

## 1. OBEY GOD

You were created by God to live for him (Colossians 1:16). You'll only be happy if you do so. At this stage, you're probably starting to experience peer pressure to sin in some way (e.g., drinking alcohol, premarital sex, etc). Don't give in. It's not worth it.

The things the world has to offer are temporarily gratifying. But the things that God has to offer are eternally satisfying. God is not a killjoy. He has your greatest interests in mind. The Bible really means it when it says that God is the only true source of satisfaction in this life.

## 2. OBEY YOUR PARENTS

John Calvin puts it this way:

"... we are to show them [Your parents] respect, obedience, and thankfulness, and to render to them every service possible. For it is the Lord's will that we should act like this to those who have given us life. And it is of little importance whether they are worthy or unworthy of this honor for, whatever they may be, they have been given to us as father and mother by the Lord, who has willed that we should honor them."

Ouch. If you're like me, Calvin's quote convicts you.

I know that you probably think your parents are uncool, and they sometimes get on your nerves (believe me, you get on their nerves too). But God ordained that they — yes, your mother and your father — would be your parents, and he commands that you obey them. While I may sometimes disagree with my parents, I always regret it when I disobey them. Obey your dad and mum.

## 3. OBEY THE AUTHORITIES

Paul says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities" (Romans 13:1). Paul then calls the authorities as "God's servant" and "ministers of God" (v.4, v.6). The words in Greek that Paul uses for these two verses is the exact same words that Paul uses when speaking about Christian ministers of the church elsewhere. Here's the point: God wants you to respect and obey them.

At your age, it may seem cool to be rebellious to authorities. But that is exactly one of the biggest problems with your generation and mine: a lack of respect for authority. Whether it's a police officer or tax collector or pastor or grandparent, you have to understand certain people have authority over you, and you have to obey.

## 4. GET PLUGGED INTO THE LOCAL CHURCH

God's plan "A" is the church, and there's no plan "B". I hope and pray your parents are going to church. If they're not, ask them to start going. If the church has a youth group, get plugged in. Go to the summer camps (hint-**VBS & Camp IGNITE**). Invite your friends to youth group. Get involved right now. Give your life, time, and energy to God's bride.

## 5. DEVELOP A DEVOTIONAL LIFE

When I say "devotional life" what I mean are things that you do in private to grow in godliness. Focus in on Bible reading and prayer (but journaling, worship, scripture memorization, and other disciplines are helpful too). I read the Gospels over and over again when I was a teenager, and it changed my life. It is not an exaggeration when I say that one of the best things I've ever implemented in my life is the regular rhythm of personal devotions. The value is incalculable.

## **6. RE-THINK YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA HABITS**

One popular teen star quit Instagram. I'm not saying you have to follow her footsteps. But a growing concern of mine — and this is true for myself and my generation as well— is that we're using social media to create our identity. The validation that you're looking for, in Christ, you already have.

Have fun on social media. Tweet what you're thinking. Share funny cat videos. Send silly snap chats. Give a few life updates on Facebook. And be sure to follow people that edify you. But don't let it consume you.

## **7. GET A JOB (IF YOU CAN)**

My mom made me get my first job when I was 15. It was tough, but I quickly learned communication, social, interpersonal, and financial skills that helped shaped my character. If possible, get a job.

## **8. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR JESUS RIGHT NOW**

You don't have to wait until you have gray hair to make a difference for Christ.

I think of Jaquelle Crowe, who just published her first book for Christian teenagers. I think of Brett and Alex Harris, brothers and co-authors of a revolutionary book also for teens. I also think of my little brother who was a great source of godly encouragement to his youth group as a teenager. And the list goes on.

Of course, there's a refining process that every teenager must go through. Hopefully, your most fruitful years are ahead of you. But as Paul says to Timothy: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim 4:12).

## **9. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE**

Recently, I facilitated a group discussion for two Christian youth groups. It was so encouraging to interact with them. One thing, however, stood out to me: many of the young kids are already anxious about their future.

Anxiety is a tricky thing, isn't it? In one sense, God commands us not to be anxious (Philippians 4:4-6). In another sense, you can't help but feel bodily reactions to seemingly fearful situations. It's part of what makes you human. The thing that has helped me the most is growing in my understanding of God's providential care for me. If he takes care of the birds, he'll also take care of you. And that includes your future.

When your future arrives, Lord willing, what you need to know is that God will be right there with you— and that is more than enough.

## **10. HAVE FUN**

Finally, have fun. Why? Because you're a teenager for crying out loud! Enjoy your fast metabolism, non-receding hairline, sugar-filled drinks, and life without (many) bills. It doesn't last forever.

I hope you enjoy your teenagers years. They go by fast. And hopefully, this article helps a little. I hope the Lord blesses these years, and may you remember this quote by C.T. Studd as you continue to walk with the Lord: "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

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# Order of Service

Ministry of Music – Choir

Invocation

Hymn 286

Hymn 324

Hymn 534

1st Scripture Reading: Prov 3 : 1 - 12

Hymn 423

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Choir

Hymn 45

Ministry of Music - Sis. Beverley Fontaine

Sermon – Rev. Ronald Trotman

Hymn 414

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Hymn 417

Benediction – Choir



## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- Personnel and drivers to assist with CEF Ministry during summer.
- For volunteers and success of our Vacation Bible School & Camp Ignite
- The Church to transform lives.
- ISIVCF and Gideons
- Our new converts in Christ.
- The healing of the sick and shut-in.
- Those grieving and mourning loss.
- Our Government, Police and Military.
- The Hothersal community
- The peace of Jerusalem.

## Join US next Sunday at 6pm for an engaging Bible Study

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11 NIV

## July Birthdays



1st - Kenmore Maycock

5th - Marcelle Griffith

6th - Cheryl Brewster

- Yvette Reid

10th - Valda Foster

11th - Gwendolyn Spencer

12th - Jocelyn Hoyte

13th - Norma Thompson

- Barry Ward

15th - Leianne Bovell

25th - Ann Proverbs

26th - Gaynelle Griffith

27th - Lauren Field

- Goldie Spieler

28th - Delano Austin

- Chanté James

- Janice Reece

### AUGUST

1st - Louise Moore

3rd - Deidre Boyce

- Audrey Lloyd

## Anniversaries



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27th - Lucy & Carl Crichlow

### AUGUST

2nd - Owen & Jenny Thompson

- Lorna & George Ward

4th - Raymond & Joy Wallace