

Lesson 1

What's A "Youth"?

Memory verse - I Tim. 4:12 "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Being a teenager or young person is viewed by man as a time to "find yourself", be immature, foolish, irresponsible, and unable to act in a mature godly fashion.

Paul writes to Timothy and encourages and instructs him regarding his youth. First of all let's study what the Bible has to say about a "youth".

A youth. Luke 18:21, Acts 26:4,

In Mal. 2:14, 15 a youth is old enough to have a _____.

In I Sam. 17:33 Saul didn't think David, a youth, was old enough to fight. But David informs Saul that even tho he is a youth he has in 17:34-37 slain a _____ and a _____.

In Judges 8:20 Jether expected his son to slay a man but his son didn't draw his sword because he was _____.

In I Sam. 17:42 Goliath had _____ for David because he was a youth.

In Ps. 71:5 David says that God has been his _____ and _____ since his youth.

When Paul wrote to Timothy in I Tim. 4:12 he calls Timothy a youth. As a youth Timothy had already been sent by Paul to Corinth. In I Cor. 16:10 we find Timothy, a youth, doing the _____ of the Lord. And also in I Tim. 1:3 Timothy, a youth, is in Ephesus with instructions to charge some that they teach no other _____.

Timothy, a youth, was capable of being sent to help other believers and to instruct and preach the Word of God!

I think we have seen that in the scriptures a youth is not the air headed, silly, immature young person that many think they should be viewed as.

According to the Word of God we have seen that a youth is able to be: list at least 5 things from our study.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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What is the age of a youth?

I believe that a youth is not limited to but includes teenagers.

Can you find a negative attitude that someone may have towards a youth? Both David and Timothy had this in common and the word starts with the letter "d".

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Comments

Have you learned I Tim. 4:12? Yes / No

I hope you've had time to go through lesson one. We have the Word of God and it should be the joy and rejoicing of our heart as Jer. 15:16 says.

Ezk. 3:3 talks about the Word of God being as satisfying and enjoyable as the sweetness of honey. God's Word is not only for own intake but in Ezk. 3:1 is designed to be given out. It is to be spoken in our lives to all those around us.

I'm sure you had no trouble answering the questions from lesson 1 but I'll just fill in the blanks here.

1. wife
2. lion and bear
3. afraid
4. disdain
5. hope and trust
6. work
7. doctrine

A youth is a person who is capable of being married, being courageous, trusting in the Lord, knowing doctrine and doing the work of the Lord. The choice is up to you!

The only reasonable choice for the believer is to be constrained by the mercies of God as we see in Rom. 12:1. The loving acts of kindness poured out on the cross and directed at us is the powerful motivation God has intended to work to produce godliness in our lives.

Now let's move on in our study of I Tim. 4:12