

A Pattern for Youth

Based on the Scriptures



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1.To whom should young men give their primary allegiance?

Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

2.What should be the supreme guide of his life?

Psalms 119:9, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word."

"I most strongly and affectionately impress upon you the priceless value of the New Testament and the study of that book as the one unfailing guide in life. Deeply respecting it and bowing down before the character of our Saviour, you cannot go very wrong, and will always preserve at heart a true spirit of veneration and humility." Charles Dickens, to his son, quoted in the Homolist.

3.Of how much greater value is the knowledge of God than material resources?

Proverbs 3:13-15, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her."

4. Who are commended in the Scriptures as example of youthful spirituality?

1 Samuel 2:26, "And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the LORD, and also with men."

5. Who is the supreme example of growth in GRACE and virtue?

Luke 2:40, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the GRACE of God was upon Him."

6. After God, to whom should the young man give honor?

Exodus 20:12, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

7. For whom was Solomon thankful?

Proverbs 4:3-4, "For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live."

8. What contrast is there between the wise and the foolish son?

Proverbs 13:1, "A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke."

9. How was Timothy influenced by his mother's faith?

2 Timothy 1:5, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

"Under whose preaching were you converted?" a young man was asked. "Under nobody's preaching," was the reply. **I was converted under my mothers practicing.**

10. What reference should the young person render to the aged?

Leviticus 19:32, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD."

11. How reprehensible, therefore, was the conduct of Rehoboam?

1 Kings 12:8, "But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him."

12. In what may the youth rightly glory?

Proverbs 20:29, "The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head."

13. What however is even more commendable than physical strength?

1 John 2:14, "I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, **and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.**"

14. Against what are the young warned?

Proverbs 3:7, "Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."

2 Timothy 2:22, "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

Proverbs 1:10, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

15. In what did Daniel show his strength of character?

Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the

wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

16. How did Joseph reveal his purity of life?

Genesis 39:7-9, "And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand. There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

17. What noble choice did Moses make?

Hebrews 11:24-25, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

18. To what may all worthy youth aspire?

1 Timothy 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."

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