

# Young People Will Be Judged, Too

Eccl. 11:9-10

## Introduction:

- A. Youth is truly a special time of life.
  - 1. A time to be *carefree* — but not *careless* because will be brought into judgment.
  - 2. A time of special problems and opportunities. (2 Tim. 2:22; 3:14; 1 Tim 4:12).
- B. Youth can be made too special.
  - 1. When youth exempts one from accountability and correction.
  - 2. When “young people” become focus of church’s program.
  - 3. When “relating to our young people” with youth becomes primary?
    - a. Would Paul qualify to preach in such churches? Too old for youth? Too single for married?
    - b. What happened to young learning from experience and wisdom of older? (Cf. Paul-Tim.; Tit. 2:3,4).
    - c. Such over-emphasis on relating puts emphasis on power of messenger rather than message.
- C. Youth die as dead as an old - face same judgment as old.
  - 1. Young athlete at Fultondale High School.
  - 2. Young athlete at Ole Miss.
- D. Since youth will be judged, they need same gospel, salvation, and church as older:

## Discussion:

- I. Young People must Obey the Gospel, Too.**
  - A. They must hear the gospel. (Rom. 10:17).
  - B. They must believe the gospel. (Mark 16:15,16).
  - C. They must repent of their sins. (Acts 17:30).
  - D. They must be baptized. (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
  - E. They must be added to the church. (Acts 2:47).
- II. Young People must Worship and Serve in the Church, Too.**
  - A. They must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24).
    - 1. They must sing. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
    - 2. They must pray. (Acts 2:42).
    - 3. They must participate in teaching/learning process - apostles doctrine.
    - 4. They must eat Lord's Supper in worthy manner. (1 Cor. 11:; Acts 20:7).
    - 5. They must give according to ability. (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
  - B. They must participate in work of church according to ability. (Eph. 4:16).
- III. Young People must Live Godly Lives, Too.**
  - A. They must behave in their stations in this life.
    - 1. A child. (Eph. 6:1-4).
    - 2. As a young person (Lev. 19:32; 1 Pet. 5:5; 1 Tim. 5:1; ).
    - 3. A citizen, employee, etc.
  - B. They must study. (2 Tim. 2:15)
  - C. They must live by same conduct code of all Christians.
    - 1. Good morals (1 Tim. 5:22; 2 Tim. 2:22).
    - 2. Good manners (1 Pet. 3:8-9)
    - 3. Good works (Gal. 6:10; Jas. 1:27)
- IV. Young People must Reap What They Sow, Too.**
  - A. Sow wild oats, will reap sad harvest (cf. Hos. 8:7; Gal 6:7)
  - B. Bad decisions with life-time consequences.
    - 1. May be life of misery in a marriage
    - 2. May be life of either celibacy or sin resulting from broken marriage. (Matt. 5:32; 19:9).
- V. Young People must Repent and Confess Sins, Too.**
  - A. Acts 8:22
  - B. 1 John 1:9.

## Conclusion:

- A. Young people, enjoy your youth, while you have time and opportunity.
- B. But, remember your works will be brought into judgement.