

Expanding our Expectations for this Generation

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Introduction: *What are you expecting from your young people?*

I. God's _____ Way

II. Are _____ Getting in God's Way?

III. _____ Overview of Mightily used Young People (notes attached)

IV. Mightily used Young People _____ of the Bible

A. Church History

B. Contemporary

V. Warning from a _____ King! (notes attached)

Closing thoughts: *What's your part when you get back home?*

NOTES: Biblical Overview of Mightily used Young People

** Throughout scripture - God's way has always been to call ordinary young people to do hard things through His power for His glory:*

1. **Joseph** – 17 yrs. old (Gen. 39:9)

- Rejected sexual sin when alone with an older woman!

2. **Samuel** – 13 yrs old (I Sam. 3:1)

- Spoke hard truth to adopted father Eli as a prophet for God's glory!

3. **David** – 15 years old (I Samuel 17)

- Slayed Goliath for the honor of God's name!

4. **Esther** – as a young woman (Esther 2:15)

- Risked her head before the king for the sake of God's people!

5. **Josiah** – 16 yrs. old (2 Chron. 34:2-3)

- Lived righteous before the Lord (8 yrs. old) as King of Judah and pursued hard after God (16 yrs. old)!

6. **Daniel** – 14 yrs old (Daniel 1:8)

- Resolved to remain pure in an evil culture for God's glory!

7. **Mary** – 16 yrs old (Luke 1:26-31)

- Remained a virgin and trusted God's crazy promise of a Holy Spirit conception to birth the Son of God!

NOTES: *Warning from a Wise King!*

***5 warnings from Solomon (who said, "Remember, worship, serve while young"! (Eccl. 12:1) to encourage youth to answer God's call here and now, while they are young instead of waiting until later:**

- 1) You might die young! **(Eccl. 7:17)**

- 2) Your strongest years are wasted when you wait! **(Eccl. 12:3)**

- 3) Your life young or old is utter nothingness **w/o God! (Eccl. 11:10)**

- 4) Your heart may likely get harder, not softer as u get older! **(Eccl. 12:1)**

- 5) You will be judged for these wasted years! **(Eccl. 11:9)**