

Truth for Youth

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ecclesiastes 11:9.
- B. Youth is a very wonderful time.
- C. Youth can also be a very tragic time.

II. The teen years are an isolated area of life--teenagers live in a world of their own.

- A. Teenagers are struggling because of this phenomenon.
- B. The highs are high and the lows are very low during this period of life.
- C. Youth has a glory about it.
- D. Youth has a cry for independence, which is really a cry for meaning.

III. A transition must be made to the practical reality of life.

- A. Dissolution often comes to the young person at this time.
- B. The tragedy is that in this, children find no way out unless they find meaning in Jesus Christ.

IV. Life is to be lived to the full while one is young.

V. Life is to be taken as it comes.

VI. Remember as one is enjoying life and taking it as it comes, that one will be held accountable and needs a guide right now--the Creator is to be remembered in the days of one's youth.

- A. In Jesus Christ youth can find its answer.
- B. Jesus Christ satisfies the hunger of youth.
- C. Only when one gives himself to Christ does he find liberty and is the imagination stimulated.
- D. Being a real Christian is more or less a way of staying young forever as the qualities of youth that we admire stay in the heart.
- E. Life on earth is training for the life to come.

Application questions:

1. Why are there so many struggles for teenagers?

2. In what ways did you or are you struggling as a teenager? How does Jesus provide an answer?

3. What keeps teens from receiving Christ? What characteristic of Jesus would you emphasize to a teen who does not know Christ if any? Explain.
