

Godly Youth

Young in Age, Strong in Heart

Disappointment

All of us have had some disappointment in life. Perhaps someone made a promise to us that we would do something extra special but, before we could go, it started raining, we got sick, the person who was going to do something for us got sick, or something else prevented us from doing that special thing. We may have cried or just have been sad. Either way, we felt disappointment.

There will be many times in our lives that we will have great joy but we will also have disappointments. Even as an adult, I make plans to do things with my family or friends only to be disappointed because our plans did not work out.

Parents sometimes want

to do special things for their children but the plans do not work out. As a parent, I am as excited as my children about a trip to someplace special or some other activity that will allow us to spend fun time together.

Sometimes unexpected bills means that we do not have the money to do what we planned when we planned to do it. We do not want to get in trouble with the people to whom we owe money so we have to change our plans to do the special thing when we have more money.

Sometimes a parent has to do something at work, likely caused by some emergency, that requires them to change the plans. It is not that they

want to be a work instead of being with you, but sometimes a parent has to fix the problem at work in order to make sure they have a job. The parent would rather be doing something special, but they know they will have to plan it for later.

As young people, you can be understanding when your parents have to change their plans. They want to spend time with you and do special things for you but sometimes things do not go as planned. Remember, even as adults, they are disappointed when things do not work out. Give them a hug, try to understand, and help them plan the time when you can have that special time together.

Pray for: Food

We should develop a habit of thanking God for our food. Paul taught that we should give thanks to God for the food we eat, 1 Timothy 4:3-5. Jesus taught His disciples to thank God for their daily bread, Matthew 6:11.

One day, a father, who did not serve God, was fed up with his wife and children giving thanks to God for the food. He told them, "I worked to earn the money to pay for that food. God did not give it to you, I did. You should be praying to me for the food."

The wise wife quietly reminded her husband that it was by God's hand that he had his job and the health to do it. God also gave the rain, the sunshine, the seed, and allowed the plants to grow and bear fruit. God provided the nourishment for the animals and the lives of the animals themselves. Last of all, He provided the rain that, in a pure form, filled their water glasses.

The father saw her wisdom and humbly thanked God for the food **He** had given.

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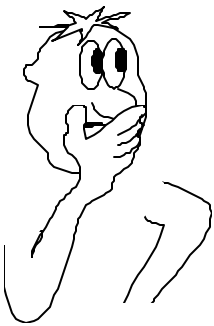
*" [They]
searched the
Scriptures daily
to find out
whether these
things were so."*

Acts 17:11



Lessons from Daniel

- God will punish his people for wickedness
- God takes care of His children
- God is in charge of the kingdoms of the world; He will make things work for the good of His people
- The young can glorify God by standing for the truth in difficult times



“Know what you will do in a situation before that situation arises.”

Meeting the Prophets: Daniel

Daniel is one of the more well known prophets of the Old Testament. While a young man, Daniel was taken with the best people of the land to Babylon when king Nebuchadnezzar conquered the land of Israel. Though he was young, he was dedicated to God and determined that even in a strange land with unfamiliar people, he would follow God’s word. The book of Daniel tells us about his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego who made the same dedication to God.

God blessed Daniel with the ability to discern the meaning of special dreams given to people by God. In the Old Testament times, God

sometimes revealed a message to a person of importance by way of a dream. He does not do this now since He speaks to us through Jesus as recorded in the Bible (Hebrews 1:1).

The book of Daniel records dreams that he and Nebuchadnezzar had that told about the coming of the great kingdom of God, which we now know as the church. The dreams told about events in the world governments that would take place before God would establish His kingdom that would never be destroyed. These messages provided comfort to Daniel because he knew that God would lead the Israelites out of captivity and back to their

homeland. However, there were some visions that frightened Daniel because they told of nations that would be mean to Israel.

The story of Daniel and his three friends demonstrates the strength that young people can have in bad times. It would have been easy for Daniel and his friends to decide to disobey God since God allowed them to be prisoners in Babylon. However, they put their trust in God and God took care of them. Through God’s care they were able to gain positions of authority in the Babylonian government and, in so doing, bring glory to God’s name. When you are dedicated, you glorify God.

What Do You Think He Should Do?

Junior is a very conscientious person. He tries to obey God’s word and prays to God often. It is his habit to pray to God for the food before his meal.

One day, he read in the Bible that Jesus did not like those who prayed loud in public so they could bring attention to themselves, Matthew 6:5-6. He could see how someone could use something so precious as prayer to make himself look good before others.

On Sunday after church, the family went to a restaurant and Junior’s father wanted to say a prayer before they had their meal. Junior was not sure if this was right to do? What do you think? Discuss it with your parents and see what they think.

Who Am I?

1. I was a fisherman before Jesus called me to be an apostle.
2. Though my hometown was Bethsaida, I was in Capernaum when Jesus called me.
3. I was a disciple of John the Baptist.
4. When I heard Jesus, I went to my brother Peter and told him that I had met the Christ and urged Peter to meet Jesus.
- 5.

Do you know who I am? (Answer below)

I am Andrew!

Word Search: Gospel Places

E	L	R	F	D	C	A	E	S	A	R	E	A	Z
M	C	D	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	Y	B
M	O	J	E	R	U	G	S	I	R	D	B	C	E
A	M	E	T	D	T	A	P	N	C	A	N	A	T
U	V	R	H	S	Y	R	I	A	B	G	W	N	H
S	D	U	S	R	R	N	M	Z	I	A	B	A	P
I	I	S	A	B	E	J	S	A	T	L	E	A	H
D	R	A	I	A	D	U	G	R	S	I	T	N	A
O	W	L	D	F	P	D	N	E	L	L	H	L	G
N	Y	E	A	C	L	E	B	T	M	E	D	M	E
S	A	M	A	R	I	A	D	H	A	E	J	L	D
T	H	B	E	T	H	A	N	Y	E	G	Y	P	T
S	C	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	M	E	A	C	D

BETHANY
 CAESAREA
 BETHLEHEM
 EGYPT
 SIDON
 JUDEA

BETHSAIDA
 JERUSALEM
 NAZARETH
 SYRIA
 CANAAN
 BETHPHAGE

CAPERNAUM
 CANA
 GALILEE
 SAMARIA
 TYRE
 EMMAUS

Memory Verse: Verse: Romans 12:19

“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.

Sometimes a person might hurt us by saying or doing something mean to us. When that happens, we often want to “get them back.” We want to make them hurt even worse so they will know not to be mean to us again. This is not the attitude a Christian should have.

Paul told the Romans that we should not avenge ourselves. To avenge is

to do evil to someone because they have done evil to us. God reminds us that He will punish all evil at the day of judgment. Instead of getting mad (“giving place to wrath”), the one who loves God must show kindness to the person doing wrong. In the next verse, Paul says to feed your enemy if he is hungry. By doing good you make him feel bad for

being mean to you. Even if he does not feel guilty, you will have done the right thing and God will punish the person if he does not repent.

Ultimately, we want the person to repent and serve God. When he repents, he will feel sorry for any wrongs. We should help him turn from his meanness, not return hatred for hatred.



Rachel's Anagrams

My niece, Rachel Bragwell, made some anagrams that I am sharing with you. An anagram is a message contained in a list of words. The word, in **bold**, is made from the first letters of the message that relates to that word. Can you make an anagram?

In
Many
Minds
Obscene
Drawings
Eventually
Start
Tearing
Youth

Christ's
Holy
Righteous
Illuminating
Special
Teenagers
Including
Adults
Naturally

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