

Godly Youth

Young in Age, Strong in Heart

Heroes

We are often fascinated by movie and comic book stories about superheroes. When I was growing up I read Superman and Spiderman comics every chance I could get. Through I enjoyed the stories, I realized that they were completely make-believe since people cannot fly, spin webs, or lift trains over their heads.

As I grew older my heroes began to change. I met people who did not have super-powers but still did great things. Some risked their lives to save others. Some overcame many troubles and doubts to make their dreams come true.

The Bible is filled with examples of men and women who faced strong enemies and did very hard things because they had great faith in God.

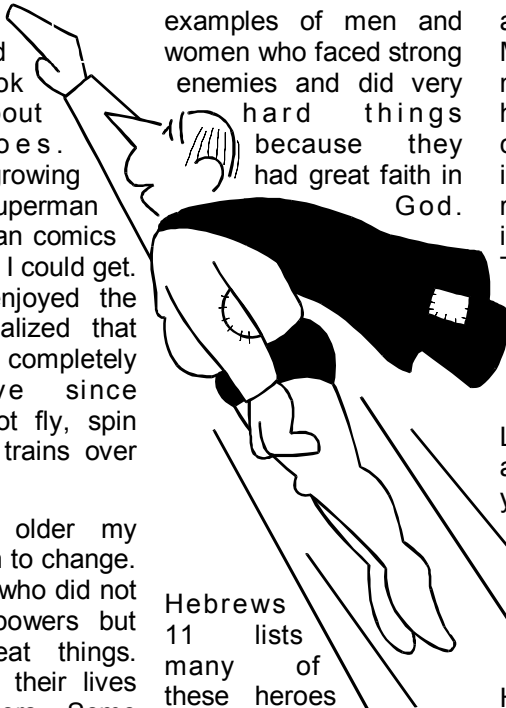
Hebrews 11 lists many of these heroes from the Old Testament.

For example, Noah was obedient to God even

though the people around him were evil. Moses' parents would not kill their son though he powerful king commanded them to do it. Some were killed but remained faithful to God in the face of death. They all trusted God and chose to do what was right even when it would be easy to do wrong.

Look around your church and in your family and you will find many heroes—good people doing what is right when so many people are trying to get them to do wrong.

Hopefully, you will one day look in the mirror and see this kind of hero looking back at you.



This month I will...

Try harder to pay attention during my Bible class and during the sermon. I realize that my Bible class teachers and the preacher have worked hard to prepare lessons to help me grow closer to God and to be a better person. I also realize that God's word is able to make me wise so that I can make good decisions and live the best possible life on earth. I also know that by learning God's word I will be able to obey Him and have eternal salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).

I will not play or write notes to friends during class or the sermon. I will tell my friends that I am trying to pay attention to the teacher or preacher and encourage them to do the same. If they play so much that I cannot listen, I will find another place to sit and play with my friends later.

I will turn to the Bible verses during the class and sermon. I may take notes on what the preacher says so that I can remember what was taught because I know I will need it in the future. I will honor God by listening.

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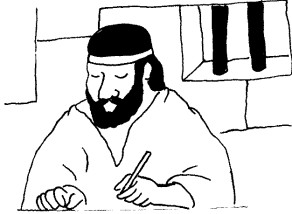
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*"[They]
searched the
Scriptures daily
to find out
whether these
things were so."*

Acts 17:11



Lessons from Colossians

- God's wisdom is greater than the world's wisdom
- Jesus is the most powerful being in the whole universe
- Those who love God must not follow worldly wisdom or the Law of Moses
- Those who love God must live and talk like Jesus would
- God's people should be good examples to all people

What is the book of Colossians about?

The book of Colossians is a letter from Paul to the church in the city of Colosse. Paul wrote the letter from prison and apparently wrote the book of Ephesians at the same time for the books are very similar.

The book of Colossians tells how Christ's wisdom is so much greater than the wisdom of the world. He also told how Christ is much more powerful than the most powerful kings of earth. Jesus must be praised for his wisdom and power.

Paul warned the Colossians about the dangers of listening to those who claim to be wise but do not give honor to God. Some people think they know more than God's word and try to use fancy words to teach their

wisdom but the wisdom of God is greater even though it is given in simple words.

Paul also warned the Colossians of the danger the Jewish Christians faced if they tried to keep the Law of Moses. When Jesus gave the gospel the Law of Moses came to an end. Even today some people try to keep things in the Law of Moses but Paul says we cannot do it and please God.

Paul also warned them against the sins of the world and told them to act like Jesus. There are many things that people do that makes God sad and angry. He wants people to act like his son.

A final danger Paul warned them about was a false show of religion. A person can act like they love God but in their heart

and lives do what is wrong. True service to God requires a changed life, focusing on Christ above, and being kind to one another.

Paul urged his readers to be kind to others and forgive others just as God forgave them. By doing this they would have peace in the church.

Paul encouraged the Colossians to live as Christ would in their family. Husbands and wives must love each other and the children must be obedient to their parents.

Finally, Paul wanted the Colossians to act proper when around people who were not Christians so they could be a good example. He told them to let their words be holy and encouraging which brings glory to Jesus.

Good Thoughts...



**Praise
those who
raise
you**

Where is this?

1. It is sometimes called "the city of palms"
2. Rahab lived here and hid the spies who came from Israel
3. When it was destroyed God said it would never be rebuilt
4. The city was destroyed when Israel walked around it for seven days and shouted and blew the trumpets on the last day

(Answer below)

Answer: It is Jericho

Some Old Testament Books

H	I	A	M	O	S	R	I	M	E	E	M
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N	H	A	M	S	L	A	A	H	S	E	I
A	J	L	D	I	G	L	G	E	Z	S	A
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U	S	T	E	X	N	S	I	S	M	I	C
M	Z	E	Z	E	K	I	E	L	I	A	H

Proverbs

Psalms

Job

Genesis

Micah

Nahum

Exodus

Isaiah

Ezekiel

Jeremiah

Amos

Jonah

Memory Verse: Proverbs 15:20

***"A WISE SON MAKES A FATHER GLAD,
BUT A FOOLISH MAN DESPISES HIS MOTHER.."***

In the book of Colossians, Paul told children to obey their parents because it is the right thing to do and is pleasing to God. The book of Proverbs urges young people to obey so that they bring honor to their parents.

When young people behave wisely it not only pleases God but also pleases their parents. The wisdom of good behavior causes the parents to be happy because they do not have to spend so much

time punishing children for bad behavior. Obedient children can lead to peace in the family and happiness for every member of the family.

On the other hand, a foolish young person causes problems within the family. A young person who does not obey his parents does not show respect to his parents who are trying hard to raise him.

If the young person does not obey his parents he will

eventually become a young man who does not respect his parent's authority.

Not only does the person cause shame for his parents but he also will be ashamed of himself.

Listen to your parents, respect their authority, and obey their instructions. They love you and want what is best for you. When you do this you make your parents glad, God happy, and will honor yourself.



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