

# Godly Youth

*Young in Age, Strong in Heart*

## God Watches Over You

Many church song books have a song called "There's An Eye Watching You." When I was a child I pictured this one big eye in the sky looking down on me. As I grew older I realized the song was about God watching us.

God is always watching us. He knows every word we say and everything we do. We must do what He says because He will judge us one day on how we have lived.

To the person who does not want to obey, the thought of God watching them is scary. They do something God does not like but they cannot really enjoy it because they know God has seen them. Some people are always worried about God watching them because they are not trying to please Him.

The thought of God watching over us should

not be scary but should comfort us instead. When you wake up in the middle of the night and are scared by a bad dream or loud thunder, it is good to know that God is watching over you.

In Luke 12:6 reminds us that God cares for each of us. In Jesus' day copper coins were not worth a lot of money. He said that one could buy five sparrows for two copper coins. Matthew wrote that a person could buy two sparrows for one copper coin. The sparrows had such little value that if you bought four, the seller would give you one for free.

Even though these sparrows did not cost a lot of money God watched every one of them. To men they were cheap; to God they had great value. If God cared so much for them, think how much God cares for us which are of more value than the birds.

In the next verse Jesus said that God knows the number of hairs on our head. Your parents love you with a great love but I can guarantee that they do not know how many hairs on your head. You probably don't know the number of hairs on your head. But God knows you so well that He knows this about you. He cares enough about you to know the littlest details that others do not even know.

God loves you and cares for you and is always watching over you. In your best times and worst times God is with you. In life and in death God will be with you. This should comfort you and make you strong. Never forget that He loves you so much and wants you to love Him. Never forget that He knows you better than anyone God and He wants you to know Him. He always watches you.

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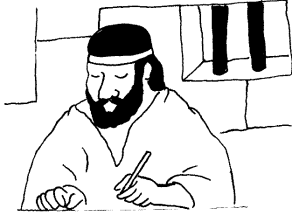
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*"[They]  
searched the  
Scriptures daily  
to find out  
whether these  
things were so."*

*Acts 17:11*



**Starting Today I will...** try harder to be a good example to those who are younger than me. I realize that no matter how old or young I am, there are people who look up to me. If I say "no" to something bad, maybe they will have the courage to say "no" as well. I want to live like Jesus did and that means being a good example. I do not want to cause someone to do wrong or to stumble.



**Lessons from Thessalonians**

- Stay faithful when people mistreat you
- Always be ready for Jesus' return
- Always grow in faith and love
- Know the truth so you will not follow the lies of evil men
- Do not make best friends of people who are doing wrong
- If you do not work you should not eat; do not be lazy

What is the book of 1&2 Thessalonians about?

Paul wrote two letters to Christians in the city of Thessalonica. In the first letter, he wanted to encourage them because they knew that what Paul was teaching was the word of God and they obeyed it. After they obeyed, the enemies of God began to treat them badly. They remained faithful to God and were a good example to Christians in countries around them.

Paul and some men who traveled with him had to get out of Thessalonica because the enemies did not want him to preach. The Christians who were left did not give up and it made Paul feel great. He prayed that God would help them to continue to grow stronger.

Paul warned them to always be ready for Jesus

to come again to punish the evil and take the good people to heaven. Some people think that Jesus is not going to come back or will come some time in the future. Paul told them to always be ready because Jesus would return when no one is expecting Him and will punish those who are doing evil.

In his second letter, Paul again reminded them to be faithful even when God's enemies were not treating them well. He told them that even though they had strong faith and love for each other, they still needed to grow in faith and love. The Christian should never stop growing.

Paul told them that some day Jesus would come and punish those who were mean to them and

give them a life in heaven with God.

Paul warned them that people would begin to teach many false things and some would follow their lies instead of the truth of Jesus. He wanted them to know the truth so they would not be led away by evil men.

Paul told the people to not be close friends with people who said they followed Jesus but did not follow the truth. They did not work like they were supposed to do and thought the other Christians should feed them. They were lazy and Paul said to avoid them so that they would not sin with them. Whenever they could they should try to teach these people to do what is right.

Paul wanted them to obey and not give up.

Good Thoughts...



Politeness goes far, yet costs nothing.

-S. Smiles

**Which was NOT a letter from Paul**

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| <i>Romans</i>        | <i>Ephesians</i> |
| <i>1 Corinthians</i> | <i>Titus</i>     |
| <i>Colossians</i>    | <i>1 Timothy</i> |
| <i>Philemon</i>      | <i>James</i>     |
| <i>Philippians</i>   | <i>Galatians</i> |

*Answer: James was not written by Paul*

# Animals in the Bible

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

- OSTRICH
- RAM
- LAMB
- DOGS
- FISH
- OX
- LOCUST
- SPARROW
- SERPENT
- DONKEY
- BULLS
- BIRDS
- CATTLE
- HORSE
- FROG
- BEAR
- PIG

Memory Verse: Psalm 118:24

"This is the day the LORD has made;  
 We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Every day is a blessing from God. Every day we have a chance to learn new things, have fun, spend time with family and friends, and live a life that pleases God. We should treat every day as a special gift.

Just like anything we receive for free, we can forget what a precious thing life is and take it for granted. After a person has suffered a terrible life-threatening disease or

been in an accident that could have killed them, they often talk about how thankful they are for each day and how they do not want to waste their time left on earth.

We should thank God for each day we are given and use our time wisely. We do not live for ourselves alone but live to glorify God in our lives.

Though things may not go well some days and we may be sad, it is still a

good day because the Lord made it and we can pray to God to help us make the right choices and to help the day go better.

If you always find ways to be unhappy, each day will be sad for you. Look for the good things that make each day special.

The Lord made this day for you. Are you happy about it? What are you going to do with this day?



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