

Godly Youth

Young in Age, Strong in Heart

What Are You Wearing?

This article was in the May/June 2003 issue but I think it is important to think about especially in the summer.

If you watch television or walk down the street, you will see people wearing all kinds of clothing. People choose their clothes for different reasons.

Some wear t-shirts with messages on them to tell people what kind of sports and teams they like. Some like to wear expensive clothes so other people will think that they have lots of money. Some people wear certain kinds of clothes to show they belong to a certain group of people at school. Most of us have probably known times when our parents bought us something we did not want to wear because we thought it would make us look silly.

Those who serve God must be careful about what they wear. Some clothes can make other

people think bad thoughts. If we are not wearing enough clothes or our clothes are so tight that they let people see things they should not, we should refrain from those clothes. Music and movie stars will often wear clothes that reveal too much of their bodies. The Bible calls such clothing *immodest*. Immodest means not modest. To be modest is to be decent both in your clothes and the way you act. A person can be dressed in good clothes but act like a bad person. That person would still be immodest.

Our parents try to help us learn how to be modest. Maybe your friends are

wearing a certain type of outfit and you want to wear it. Your parents object because it does not send the right message; it is immodest. Listen to your parents, I can almost guarantee that their parents had the same conversation with them when they were young people. They want to help you show others, by what you wear, that you live by God's principles.

Sadly, some people cannot blush when they wear such little clothing out in public. When I lived in Florida, I was amazed at the people who would go to grocery stores in nothing but bathing suits. We must not let what others wear influence what we wear. Wear clothes that show the purity of your heart.



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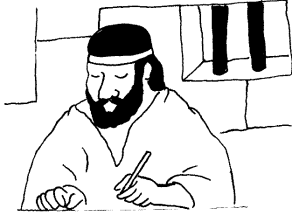
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Starting Today I will... Be more respectful to my parents and other adults. I will not think that my opinion is so important that I must interrupt their conversation to speak my mind but will spend more time listening and learning. I will respect my parents by obeying them since God put them in charge of the family and has commanded me to obey them. I will also pray for them.

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

Acts 17:11



Lessons from Paul to Timothy

- Men and women must know how to behave in the church
- Christians must act like Christ in every part of their life
- We must be faithful even when others might harm us
- We must know God's word so we will not follow false teachers
- Young people can do great things in service to God

What are the books of 1&2 Timothy about?

Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy to warn him about false teachers and encourage him to stand firm on the word of God.

Timothy was a young preacher who traveled with Paul on his last two preaching trips. Paul considered Timothy his son in the faith. In 1 Timothy, Paul urged Timothy to teach men and women how to worship and behave in the church. He told Timothy to organize the church with elders and deacons. Finally, he gives Timothy instructions on how Christians should live in various relationships and be content with their lives.

Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy to encourage him to remain faithful when people tried to harm him because he was a Christian. He also

warned him about false teachers who would teach wrong things that Timothy must not follow and that he needed to correct.

When Paul wrote 2 Timothy, he knew the Roman government would soon kill him for being a Christian. Paul reminded Timothy to follow his example in faith and work. Paul warned Timothy of false teachers who would rise up teaching things that are an insult to God things but through study of God's word, he would be able to see the errors and preach against them.

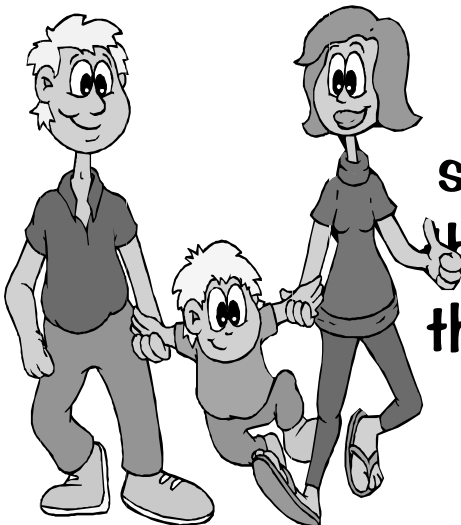
He urged Timothy to preach the word when people wanted to hear it and when they did not want to hear it. As you read the end of Paul's letter you can feel the sadness of Paul as he felt

death was near and wanted to see his young friend again. Paul was not afraid of death for he knew that when he departed he would be with the Lord.

The books of 1 and 2 Timothy are very encouraging books especially for young Christians to read. Paul warned Timothy to stay away from some sins that young people often commit. Paul knew that even though Timothy was young he could do many great things for God.

The letters to Timothy remind us how important it is to study the Bible. As we study more we are able to see what is false and what we must avoid. Even at a young age Timothy had strong faith because he learned God's word and lived it.

Good Thoughts...



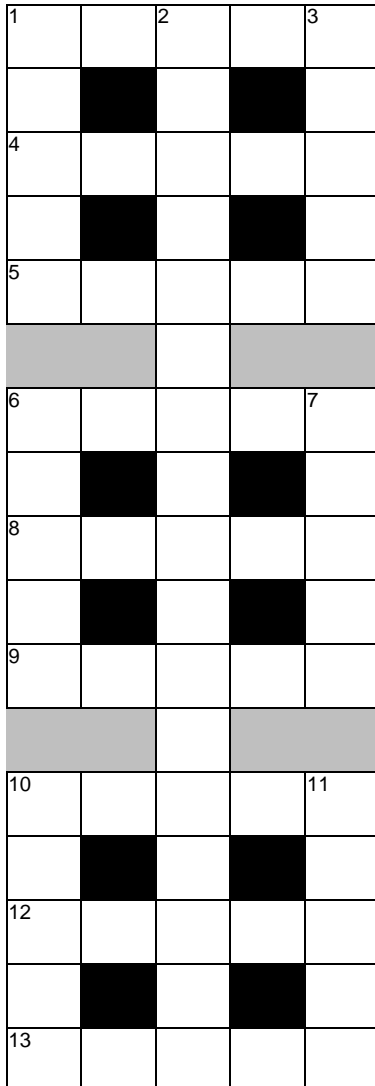
An apology is saying the right thing after doing the wrong thing.

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Who did NOT travel with Paul

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| <i>Silas</i> | <i>Peter</i> |
| <i>Barnabas</i> | <i>Titus</i> |
| <i>Timothy</i> | <i>John Mark</i> |
| <i>David</i> | <i>Luke</i> |

Answer: David, And Peter



Triple Square

Across

- 1 "And a little _____ shall lead them" Isaiah 11:6
- 4 "...and _____ of me" Matthew 11:29
- 5 "Cast thy _____ upon the waters" Ecclesiastes 11:1
- 6 "...the children's _____ are on edge" Jeremiah 31:29
- 8 Andrew's brother
- 9 She sheltered spies - Joshua 2
- 10 "..._____ also the other" Luke 6:29
- 12 "..._____ on these things" Philippians 4:8
- 13 Book of the Old Testament

Down

- 1 Courageous spy - Numbers 13:30
- 2 Something Paul said (5 words) 2 Timothy 4:7
- 3 Ate - Luke 11:37
- 6 Grow gradually smaller (keep getting smaller a little at a time)
- 7 Mountain - Exodus 3:1
- 10 Many times - Luke 13:34
- 11 A king of Midian - Numbers 31:8

From Bible Puzzles Quizzes and Games by Helen Pettigrew

Memory Verse: Romans 12:9

**"LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY. ABHOR WHAT IS EVIL.
CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD."**

True love is sincere. Love without hypocrisy is love that is not two-faced. This is the love that we must have for others, especially those who love God.

The person who loves God must abhor, or deeply hate, what is evil. We must not desire to have anything to do with things that do not please God. We should not want to watch movies or play video games that make evil look good or fun.

The person who loves God must hold tightly to what is good. We let the evil go out of our lives but hold onto good things like a person in the middle of the sea holds onto his life vest. We should never let what is good become lost to us.

Some people do the opposite of what Paul commands: they love what is evil and hate what is good. There are some people that cannot sleep

until they have thought up something evil to do (Micah 2:1) and want to wake up early to do evil (Prov. 1:10-16). They do not have true love for others but only act like they love those who can give them something. We must stay away from these people because they do not care about us and will only bring us harm.

Let your love be true, love good and hate evil.



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