Christ And Youth-Today!

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Title involves 3 vital parts. Imp. to us because
1. TODAY: is only time we have. Conditions around
us affect our life and happiness. 2 Cor. 6:2
2. YOUTH: Our most-prized possession of earth!!!
    Joys of today. God's leaders tomorrow.
3. CHRIST: God's answer to the world's needs.

I. YOUTH: is a time of life; a way of life, and an
    attitude toward life.

A. YOUTH: "is the best of times, is the worst of
times; it is the age of foolishness and the
epoch of belief. It is the season of Light
and the season of Darkness. It is the Spring
of Hope. It is the winter of despair." Anon.

B. ADOLESCENCE: "Any period that involves so many
adjustments, and lasts as long as adolescence
does in our culture, is bound to have emotional
peaks and valleys. In actual fact, the trouble-
some valleys are RARER than the wide stretches of
sunny, open fields. When parents ACCEPT
unevenness as an inevitable part of NORMAL grow-
ing up, instead of getting all chocked up by
feelings, whether of guilt or censure, the
adolescent has the best chance to work out his
solutions. What he NEEDS from his parents
is the assurance that they are standing by,
ready to act as shock absorbers. Parents need
not—and should not—expect to UNDERSTAND
everything their boys and girls are going through
BUT...it helps if they recognize the signs of
GROWTH, and are patient. This is a time for much
listening and little telling."

C. Dr. George S. Stevenson said at the Midcentury
  White House Conference on Youth, "With love
and understanding, children can be trusted to
live up to the ideals and standards of the home
and society. But this love must be accompanied
by the KIND of authority that teaches a child
that there are GOVERNING PRINCIPLES that set
LIMITS for his behavior."
C. EDWARD GREENWOOD, at this same White House conference on Youth said, "Supervise youth—accept them—believe in them, but don't put them in a small cage where you can watch them all the time." Key: Love & trust!

**OBSERVATION:** Young people are inexperienced at dealing with parents. NEVER DONE IT BEFORE!!!!

**ALSO:** Parents are inexperienced in dealing with youth. Never done that before either. Both are amateurs!! Both need to talk & listen a lot.

**QUESTION??** But, can we trust them? 3 answers.
1. Some can be trusted as much as adults.
3. MOST: can be trusted most of the time.

**ILL. Submit their CREED.** Written by them

**Article:** WE BELIEVE. (See Youth file)

**CONCLUSION:** They believe in God. last line!

**II. GOD HAS ALWAYS SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN YOUTH.**

**A. He used them many times in many ways.**
1. Joseph, used to bless his father's family.
2. David was used to free Israel. Goliath.
3. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshech, and Abednago.
4. Israelite teenager and Naaman. 7 dips.
5. Esther was a teenage beauty—saved people.
6. Mary, mother of Jesus, likely teenage.

**B. Words child, children, son, daughter, youth in Bible 1, 247 times. Youth—126, (teens.)

**C. Scriptures written exclusively to them.**
2. Proverbs contains 59 admon. in 31 chaps.
3. I Tim. 4:12-16. Let none despise thee...
4. I Tim. 5:21-22. Keep thyself pure...
5. II Tim. 2:22-26. Flee youthful lusts....

**III. ANOTHER-VITAL ONE: Ephesians 6:1-2,3. PARENTS**

(Do not despise thy parents-efforts!!!!)

**A. DR. BERGAN EVANS, prof. of Northwestern U. recently reminded the "NOW" generation of some of the work of the "THEN" generation.**
1. Doubled life-span in last 50 years. Thank
2. Cut the working-day 1/3rd. No slave-labor
3. Doubled per-capita output in production.
4. Improved health to epidemic-less society: No longer fear flu, typhus, measles, mumps, T. B., polio, scarlet fever etc.
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5. Overcame one of world's worst depressions
6. Helped defeat the German War-lords of WW I, and Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo of WW II and have protected you from the tyranny of Communism in KOREA AND VIET NAM
7. BECAUSE OF THEM: you have more material blessings than anyone ever has had; have rel. freedom still, have more leisure time and time and funds with which to travel etc. etc.

B. Parents work together with Christ to make Christian young men and women. Many do!!

IV. CHRIST SPOKE SOME WORDS OF GREAT INT. TO YOUTH!!

(With permission, wish to emp. youth.)

2. Mark 16:15-16. Go ye unto all the youth.....
4. ROMANS 5:8. Commended love toward youth.....
5. I John 4:19 We love Him because he lst..youth
6. Hebrews 4:15. .....youth's infirmities........
7. II Cor. 5:17. ...if any youth be in Christ...

CONCLUSIONS:

a. Christ is still youth's greatest Friend.
   (He died for you. Suffered for you. Bled)
   b. Christ is as much a Savior of young people as the Savior of anyone else. Prodigal!!

THREE GREAT COMFORTING TRUTHS TO YOUTH. Ph. 4:13


Able to gospel of Christ proves that love. Reckless of a facility like another proof. Quite newcomer. Christians to identity

QUESTION: "YOU REALLY FAITHFUL TO JESUS!"