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Ecc. 11:9-10, 12:1.

INT: All knowledgeable adults know that HINDSIGHT is far better than FORESIGHT. Learned by hard experience.

One of biggest differences between ADULTS & YOUTH:
1. Adults have THIS hindsight. Hard education.
2. Youth has very little foresight. Characteristic!!


ALL teenagers not BLIND and DEAF to wisdom and good advice. SOME have, do, and will listen to others. For those who will not: Still duty of parents and elders and preachers to point out pit-falls. Lesson:

I. GOD KNOWS 7 VITAL TRUTHS ABOUT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE.

1. Some will become rebellious and disrespectful to parents. Eph. 6:1-2.
2. Some will give in to youthful lusts. II Tim. 2:22.
3. Some will compromise their bodies. I Tim. 5:22.
4. Some will sin so as to cause the adult world to despise their youth. I Tim. 4:12.
5. Some will ignore God's wisdom in the Word. II T. 2:15.
7. Some will forget God. Ecc. 12:14 Courting disaster.

II. DECISIONS YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE COME TO REGRET. (Past tense)

A. REGRET FAILURE TO OBEY FATHER & MOTHER. Eph. 6:1-2.
   1. Purpose of law: The good life. Longer life.
      2. If don't obey: Stumble, fumble, falter, fizzle, blunder - and fall flat on their face!! Plenty do!
      (Houston)

B. REGRET CAUSING MEN TO DESPISE THEIR YOUTH. I T. 4:12.
   1. A minority-youth-group is creating wholesale animosity toward ALL young people.
      Rocks through windows, houses and cars. Yard lamps pulled over. Dropping rocks off 820. Speeding through neighborhoods. Twisting street signs. School vandalism: up 18% first-quarter, and up 600% dollar-value. Expensive play!!
C. REGRET FAILURE TO KEEP HIMSELF PURE. I Tim. 5:22.
   1. No young person HAS to sin. I Cor. 10:13.
   2. Those who do are going it without God. Jas. 1:12-16.
      All involved regret his foolish experimenting.

D. REGRETS FAILURE TO FLEE YOUTHFUL LUSTS: II Tim. 2:22.
      Hungry 3/4 per 100,000; Swedden 22 per 100,000.
   2. Answer to 300,000 illegitimate babies in U. S. annually—Respect for God's law on Fornication.
   3. Playing with Sex is disastereous folly!
      Ill. Sunset quarterback, cheerleader. Fornicators several times. He to college. Called home-father!
      Both unfaithful. Nearly drove him crazy. 2 children. Divorced now. He job-hunting. Sorry didn't wait!!

E. REGRETS FAILURE TO STUDY BIBLE MORE. II Tim. 2:15.
   Ill. Mack Pigg. Helen paid it little mind.

F. REGRETS FAILURE TO HEED WORD ON MARRIAGE-LIFE.
   Ill. Trinity Heights boy: Top salesman, little-league scouts, PTA, bowling, etc. Sorry didn't see error.

INV: ROGER SCOTT: MUST THE YOUNG DIE TOO?
Lost wife, son, freedom, happiness, and life! Sorry!
Saved one thing: Soul. A terrible price!

Christ came to forgive erring-Christians. Jas. 5:16.