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I. TIM. 4:12-16.

PAUL was a GREAT friend of young people! Prove it!

MANY of his companions were YOUNG PEOPLE!!!


HAD one basic message to all young people: LET NO man despise thy youth!

DESPISE: Gr. Lit. "to think against or down upon! Think slightly of. To disregard! Reject! To care little for." Dishonor. Reckon as nothing. Worthless, useless, undependable or shallow!

Lesson: How to keep others from thinking "LOW" of you. Down-grading. Bad-mouthing! Depreciating!

I. ANSWER: BE A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE!! V. 12. ARISE!!!

III. Senior class motto: "BE A CHRISTIAN!"

A. A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE CREATES A GREAT SELF-IMAGE!!!

1. Herbert Hoover at 80th birthday reception:

"A NATION IS STRONG OR WEAK; IT THRIVES OR PERISHES UPON WHAT IT BELIEVES TO BE TRUE. IF OUR YOUTH IS RIGHTLY INSTRUCTED IN THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS: IN THE TRADITIONS OF OUR COUNTRY; IN THE DIGNITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL MAN (SELF-IMAGE), THEN OUR POWER WILL BE STRONGER THAN ANY WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION THAT MAN CAN DEVISE." braude. p. 403.

2. Without a proper self-image you are going to hate yourself, hate others, hate the world; be NEGATIVE, LITTLE, DESPICABLE and "left out" of the human race! No one likes a SOUR, GRUMPY, UNCOOPERATIVE and UGLY-ACTING young person! UN-CHRISTIAN!!

(Mean: not like Christ)

B. QUESTION: How create a proper self-image?

1. BE WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE!!! I Cor. 15:33.

GOODSPEED: "Bad company ruins character." LAW OF ASSOCIATION: Being WITH unrighteous people MAKES you ONE OF THEM---in the eyes of others---whether you WERE or not!!! OTHERWISE WHY ARE YOU WITH THEM?????

Old adage: "Birds of a feather flock together..."
Two silly boys:

Sometimes problems even when with right people!

1st boy: Going with GIRLS sure does keep you young.

2nd boy: How do you figure that?

1st boy: I started going with EM 3 yrs. ago when I was a freshman. And I’m STILL/a freshman!

GO ONLY TO THE RIGHT PLACES!!!

III. Girl in Dallas STATED that she WANTED the FAST-LIFE and was going to make the bars, dance-halls, joints, dives and dens.

My reply & appeal: I Thess. 5:21, 5:22. Prove...... Abstain. She ignored me!

LATER: Dropped by on way OUT OF TOWN. Afraid and under sentence of DEATH....because went into 3rd circle (fastest) and wanted out. I Have Never Heard From Her Since!!!

a. Naive & ignorant Chr. young people too often TRY to frequent places of low repute and and THINK "it won’t hurt me!"

III. Virginia Heinlein was TAKEN to a dance hall in S. Texas—unknowingly---and made public acknowledgements---lest her influence be unfruitful for Christ. 3 mos. later she was DEAD! Sudden illness. Funeral easy!

III. Coal-miner’s daughter wanted to honkey-tonk around with friends, but not drink nor dance! Said not hurt a thing!

Father agreed IF she would TAKE a trip with him through one of his mines with her spotless-white graduation dress.

She tried it! to her dismay! Didn’t touch a thing! But white dress came out GRAY in spots just being in the coal-dust ATMOSPHERE!!! LESSON: Cannot go down into a coal mine without getting coal-dust on you./nor a place of evil without a reputation of evil that goes with it.

PARENTS: Note from Joe Barnett article: Cannot raise STRONG Christian kids with many week-end pleasure trips and few week-end Bible-training sessions.

ALSO: Cannot grow great leaders for the church of the future by trading the church’s Sunday-night Inspiration for self-seeking Sunday night Recreation.
DO ONLY THE RIGHT THINGS! * V. 13,15.

Quote: "A boy becomes a man when he walks AROUND a water puddle, instead of thru it"

Young man: As long as you have to step in the puddle of ALCOHOL, you are still a little BOY!!! Immature. Weak spiritually

Takes a REAL man to say "No" to CROWD!!!

b. QUESTION: How many souls saved on the Dance-floor???? How DO any-good WHERE cannot talk about Jesus!!! Paul says: Talk about Jesus! God! Bible

v. 16.!!

c. Question: Had you rather be POPULAR or right?

ILL. H.S. girl enrolled in college. Was interviewed by the Dean of Women: "Were you popular with your school-mates at home?"

"No", she replied. "Why not?" the dean asked

"Because I refused to pass my examination papers around to be copied by the kids."

Then the Dean asked, "Why did you do that?"

She replied, "I'd rather be RIGHT than POPULAR! I can live with myself that way!!!"

SHE CHOSE TO BE A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE.

INV: SATAN SAYS: "Come unto me all ye that are bored and inhibited by Christian rules and regulations... and I will give you FUN, and FOLLY and FORGETFULNESS. Take my sins upon you and learn of ME, and you will be FREE!!! You will be HAPPY!!! And you will be BIG!!!"

You can go that way & take the consequence

JESUS SAYS: "Except ye be born again ye cannot SEE the kingdom of God." PAUL SAYS: "The wages of sin is death..." Rom. 6:23.

And in a moment you can accept or reject the greatest love-invitation ever given to man: *Matt. 11:28-30.

Do you have a Spr. NEED only Jesus can fill?

If so, respond to the invitation immediately as we stand and sing our invitation song.