

What Should The Young Be Doing?

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Sometimes I wonder if we don't insult our young people by thinking that they need special treatment in order to get through their formative years. The Bible does say several things about young people and what they should be doing, but none of them have to do with hot dogs, hamburgers, lock-ins, etc. -- these things are the responsibility of parents and should be done by families together in the home. But look at what the Bible says:

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12). "Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Tim. 2:22). Do you think it's still possible for young people today to choose good morals over bad ones? Do you think it's still possible today for young people who want to do right to group together for good, clean, wholesome fun? Almighty God thought so when He gave these special instructions to young people! May God give young people wisdom and understanding in these things and bless those who choose to do right!

I remember a wealthy young man who once told Jesus: "All these things I have kept from my youth" (Lk. 18:21). The apostle Paul himself said "My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know" (Acts 26:4). Good, moral young people may be the exception, but so are Christians in this world! A collection of Christians form the church, the ekklesia which means "the called out." We have been called out of the world of sin and moral impurity, and have been called to serve the Lord out of a pure heart. I guess somethings never change.

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