

What every youth wants in reality

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B. Do you remember when you were young? Do you know what any young man or lady wants in reality?

1. If we think about money or to be able to work in a clean office and having prestige, automobile, to have a boyfriend or girlfriend, latest fashion clothing, and things like of that sort. Then perhaps we are manifesting a way of thinking very superficial about the youth.
2. While these things may appear to be very important for the young in reality there are only the symptom of a necessity much deeper than that.
3. What the young want in life in reality it not so different from what we all desire.
4. What the young want in life in reality (and what everyone else also want) is, to understand some of the mysteries of life, to have someone who they can trust, to be happy, to be loved and accepted, to have personal relations (friendship) based on honesty, to have confidence and success in life.
5. To have a boyfriend, girlfriend, automobile with the lasts wheels and a booming stereo, money, etc., are simply a way to obtain the essentials things in life, things that really matter.

C. To make things matters worse, the young man and lady are constant bombarded with different "solutions" and "instructions"

1. Parents try their best, but not always may be the correct solution or instruction. We often hear the following, "I said no, and I do not want to hear another word"

2. Friends also want to give an advice, but most of the time friends do not have the appropriate advice.
3. Television, commercials, publicity agencies have many advices, solutions from Tide to the latest BMW car to make feel independent, powerful, as you have accomplished a state of success, a trend, etc.
4. And if the young or even us do not follow these advices, solutions we are judge by everyone else.

D. The purpose of this sermon:

1. First, we need to resolve the issue of who should judge the young
2. Second, we need to consider who has the solutions
3. Thirdly, we want to learn that it is God the only person who can fulfill our deepest longing, needs and wants.

[Let us begin with the first major point in this lesson...]

I. WHO SHOULD JUDGE THE YOUNG?

A. The young (and everyone else) are found in three types of judges in life. Paul even though he was not a young man at that time, he felt the judgment of three different tribunals (1 Corinthians 4:3-5).

1. The first tribunal is of other persons, the court of "humans"
 - a. The so call "friends" will say we cannot associate with them unless we talk, dress, and act like them, in other words if the young does not submit to their rules. This is the pressure of the school mates; this is the pressure of social group.
 - b. The constant commercials and or those advocating the so call fashion say that the young is not attractive if he or she does not dress in a certain fashion or even if they do not drink the latest drink trend.
 - c. Even the parents can hurt the wellbeing, confidence of the sons or daughters by telling them that they are incompetent, fools, etc.
2. The second court is self, - "***I do not even examine (judged NKJV) myself***"
 - a. We tend to think that others have a higher concept of their selves from where they really are, certainly this is danger is extended **Romans 12:3** NAS77 – "For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith"
 - b. On the other hand the young man can be very severe with himself. Many young people look at their own beauty, intelligence and abilities and judge them too low and feel unacceptable to others. Do you do this? Do you feel that you do not have the capability, incompetent? Notice, Paul did not judge himself with a higher judgment or lower.
3. The third court is the judgment of God – "***I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.***"
 - a. The bottom line is that God will be the ultimate judge and it is He who has the right to do so. Yes God has established authorities such as parents to instruct and discipline us and also civil authorities like intermediate judges.
 - b. The point is this, we cannot argue with God because God always is right! He is just and righteous, impartial, etc. Abraham knew this very well as he intervened for his nephew Lot, **Genesis 18:25** NAS77 – "Far be it from Thee to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are *treated* alike. Far be it from Thee! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"
 - c. God will never judge you unjustly, inconsequent, or inconsistent (feeble or weak), never!

- d. Therefore is it for your best and ours to seek God's approbation and not man's (**2 Corinthians 10:18**)
- e. God then has the right to judge you and the judgment of God is the one who counts.

II. HOW HAS THE SOLUTIONS?

A. First let us eliminate those who think they have the solutions

1. Salesman, commercials their motive behind their so called solutions is only for their financial wealth. They are going to sell us their product whether it is good or bad to us.
2. Friends and even the parents of young people may not have the solutions either (if they do not respect the word of God)
 - a. Friends can pressure young people to do what they want from the young man and thus they convert him their slave (**1 Cor. 7:23**, also see **2 Peter 2:18-19**).
 - b. Even parents can give bad advice sometimes, Rebecca the mother of Jacob and Esau (**Genesis 27:6** and forward).
3. The solutions are not in us
 - a. **Jeremiah 10:23** NAS77 – "I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself; Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps"
 - b. **Proverbs 28:26** NAS77 – "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered"
 - c. We cannot find the solution of our problems in ourselves we need to find them in God. Shirley MacLane at one point promoted a type of religion that says, "Look within yourself; you are your own god, you have the solutions" This is non-sense this is crazy!
 - d. If you and I have the solutions, then why do keep searching for solutions? Look deep within yourself, what do you see? You see more questions! Most likely they are good questions, but if you want answers then you will have to look outside!

B. It will be most than reasonable that the only person who has the right to judge us also has the answers to our very deepest questions we may have.

1. **2 Peter 1:3** NAS77 – "Seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence"
2. **2 Timothy 3:15** NAS77 – "and that from childhood you have known the **sacred writings which are able** to give you the **wisdom** that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"
3. **2 Timothy 3:16** NAS77 – "All Scripture is inspired by God and **profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness"
4. **Psalms 119:105** NAS77 – "Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path" **Psalms 119:9** NAS77 – "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Thy word"

C. The Bible is a mirror for you, young man

1. In the Bible, you can discover the true person you are. The Bible is a book that deals with you, it deals with necessities, lawful fulfillment of them, the Bible deals with problems of all sort and deals with what man really needs, salvation. In actuality the Bible can reveal more about you than any other book or source. The Bible is a mirror for the soul! (**James 1:23**).
2. When learning about self and God you will notice that God satisfies the deepest necessities that you may have in this life.

III. ONLY GOD CAN SATISFY ANY DEEP NECESSITIES

A. The necessity of being able to understand the mysteries of life

1. There are many things in life that are difficult to understand. There are many decisions that we must take in life, and the young will be making those decisions. Guidance then is necessary, not only direction but the right direction to be able to take these difficult decisions.

2. God can satisfy these necessities in this manner (**Proverbs 2:1-11; 9:10-12**)
- B. The necessity of having someone on whom we can trust**
1. Young people need to depend upon someone who they can trust or count on, someone who will not disappoint them, **Proverbs 29:25** NAS77 – “The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted”
 2. God is not going to lie to you (**Hebrews 6:18**), neither will He change (**Malachi 3:6**). God is not like man, **Numbers 26:19** NAS77 – “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” God is not inconsistency like man is, informal, who you cannot trust nor will change because of unfavorable circumstances (**Psalms 89:30-37**).
- C. The necessity of happiness and contentment, Psalm 144:15 NAS77 – “How blessed are the people who are so situated; How blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!” Read Proverbs 3:5-8**
1. The desire for money, a new car, stereo, iPod, latest video game and player, etc., in reality it is an intent to obtain the following: satisfaction, I will tell you a secret, the apostle Paul had to LEARN it (**Philippians 4:12**), happiness and contentment does not come from what the person has, rather happiness and contentment comes from *what the person is* and *what he does!* Notice what Jesus said in **Luke 12:15** NAS77 – “And He said to them, ‘Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.’”
 2. There is contentment (happiness) from the person who follows God, even when unfortunate events follow that person.
 3. Young people will never know about satisfaction until he or she practices the very thing or reason by which God has created them and us...servitude to God and to others!
- D. The necessity of being loved and accepted, the young man or woman needs to have someone who will accept them. God will accept them, Ephesians 1:5-6; Acts 10:35 READ**
1. Why do you think the topic about having a boyfriend or girlfriend it is so popular? It is because all of us want to be loved and accepted.
 2. Let us see, if we ask a young man or woman what would they like to change in their physical appearance most likely the answer will be: “I want to be shorter, skinner”, others may say the opposite, “I want to be taller, fuller with more strength”, “blonde hair, curly, taller, shorter” Most young people want the latest trend in clothing, haircut, music and latest electronic gadgets, etc. This is only intent to obtain one thing, approbation, to be accepted by others.
 3. God will accept you He loves you (**Romans 5:1-10**).
 4. Ironic, many do not want the love of the King but only the love of ordinary people!
 5. An interesting consequence, if the love of God is our priority, then we may have the acceptance of others as well. Samuel, David, Jesus and others grew up in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (**Luke 2:52**).
- E. The necessity to have friendship based on honesty, young people hate hypocrisy in parents, teachers and even in the politicians. Young people have a keen perspective about honesty and justice.**
1. God not only treats the young with honesty but also demands from the young and all of us to be honest (**Proverbs 8:13**).
 2. It is easy to hate these things on others. God tells the young, to hate those things in him/her as well.
 3. Also the young may say, “But there are so many hypocrites in the church” This is nothing new. What God tells the young and us is to associate with those who are honest (**2 Timothy 2:20-22**).
- F. The necessity of having confidence, young people need confidence in their abilities.**

1. The solution for low self-esteem is to fear God, **Proverbs 14:26-27** – “In the fear of the LORD there is **strong confidence**, and his children will have refuge. **27** The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.”
2. To listen to the wisdom of God like the book of Proverbs will bring confidence to the young (**Proverbs 3:23-26**)

G. The necessity to have success in life, Proverbs 22:4 NAS77 – “The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life” This verse establishes a general principal.

1. Is there something better than to get a pay raise as a cashier at Wal-Mart? This is “riches”. What about a promotion to be the manager at that store, or what about owning a franchise? In this the “honor” is found of which many will sacrifice their lives to only obtain “riches”.
2. “Life” is the capacity to enjoy these recompenses as only the righteous man can do then eternal life.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Jesus is the one who fills all in all (Ephesians 1:23), in Jesus the Christian is complete (Colossians 2:10).
- B. What the young want and desire in this life God can provide. Also God will provide what you absolutely are going to need at death.
- C. The question is the following one, are you willing to trust in the Lord? Many will not, are you going to go beyond those who will not? The choice is yours.

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