
Great Expectations: Embracing a Massive, Christ-Exalting Vision for the Young People that You Serve

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Introduction: *What are you expecting from your young people?*

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I. God's _____ Way

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II. Are _____ Getting in God's Way?

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III. _____ overview of Young People mightily used of God (see page 3)

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IV. Mightily used Young People _____ of the Bible

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A. Church History

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B. Contemporary

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V. Warning from a _____ King! (see page 4)

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Closing thoughts: *What's your part when you get back home?*

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Biblical Overview of Young People mightily used of God

**Throughout scripture - God's way has always been to call ordinary young people to do hard things through His power for His glory:*

1. **Joseph**—17 yrs. old (Gen. 39:9)
 - Rejected sexual sin when alone with an older woman!

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2. **Samuel**—13 yrs old (I Sam. 3:1)
 - Spoke hard truth to adopted father Eli, as a prophet, for God's glory!

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3. **David**—15 years old (I Samuel 17)
 - Slayed Goliath for the honor of God's name!

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4. **Esther**—as a young woman (Esther 2:15)
 - Risked her head before the king for the sake of God's people!

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5. **Josiah**—16 yrs. old (2 Chron. 34:2-3)
 - Lived righteous before the Lord (8 yrs. old) as King of Judah and pursued hard after God (16 yrs. old)!

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6. **Daniel**—14 yrs old (Daniel 1:8)
 - Resolved to remain pure in an evil culture for God's glory!

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7. **Mary**—16 yrs old (Luke 1:26-31)
 - Remained a virgin and trusted God's crazy promise of a Holy Spirit conception to birth the Son of God!

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Warning from a Wise King!

*5 warnings from Solomon (who said, “Remember, worship, serve while young”! (Eccl. 12:1) to encourage youth to answer God’s call here and now, while they are young instead of waiting until later:

1. You might die young! **(Eccl. 7:17)**

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2. Your strongest years are wasted when you wait! **(Eccl. 12:3)**

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3. Your life young or old is utter nothingness **without God!** **(Eccl. 11:10)**

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4. Your heart may likely get harder, not softer as you get older! **(Eccl. 12:1)**

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5. You will be judged for these wasted years! **(Eccl. 11:9)**

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