

Young and Unashamed

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Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God. It is the way He saves men from the punishment of their sins if they put their trust in Him. It is for the Jew first and for all other people also.

Introduction

Serving Christ rocks. At a time when young people are seeking out identities and trying to discover their purpose, one cannot be more confident, courageous and bold than to be a Christian. Christianity assumes only one identity and that is to be Christlike. Other identities out there are influenced by the popular culture of the day, the mass media, celebrities, icons, society generally and other factors and issues. As such we find a lot of young people trying to conform, trying to be cool, to look a certain way, speak a certain way – FOR WHAT? Many are losing their identities because the world is projecting so many kinds of identities that young people try and identify with. In the end, it leaves many lost and confused. As Christians, the one we must follow is Christ, the one we serve is Him and that is why as Young people, serving Christ not only rocks, but gives you unlimited access into God's presence and in turn being used by God for exploits, Let us not be caught up in a culture that tries to tell you it is not cool to be a Christian, or friends that mock you or make fun of you because you stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instead let us be dynamic, young and unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ – shining Christ for other young people to see.



Psalm 1

***1** Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful. **2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. **3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. **4** The*

ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. **5** therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, or sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

***6** For the LORD know the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

- **Serving God as a young person is a Blessings**

Psalms 1:1 - Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

Deuteronomy 28: 1- 3 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. **2** All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: **3** You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

- **Making an impact as a young person is making sure you live by example**

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

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- **Remember the worldly pleasures (and the desires of youth) will come to an end**

Eccl. 12:1 - Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

- **God's calling is not conditional on age or experiences, rather God sees the Heart and ones Obedience to God**



“We left the Grammy’s early. I’ve many thoughts, most of which are probably better left inside my head. But I’ll say this: I’ve never been more honored to sing about Jesus and for Jesus. And I’ve never been more sure of the path I’ve chosen.”

Natalie Grant at the 2014 Grammy’s Award

Young Person	Age Called	Verse
Joshua	Young man	Numbers 11:28
King Josiah (Reforms)	8 16	2 Kings 22:1 2 Chronicles 34: 3-7
Samuel	boy	1 Samuel 3:8
David (challenged Goliath)	Youth	1 Samuel 17:33
Daniel and his friends	Young People	Daniel 1,2,3
Jesus Christ	12 Years old	Luke 2:41-52

Each of these young people was called by God either in the early years of their life or in their youth. God saw their potentials and their heart of servant hood. They knew God’s will and calling

for their life.

Being Young and Unashamed means to be bold, daring, and different for Jesus Christ. It is about being identified with Christ.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Reflection:

- How many of us as young people already know what God’s WILL is in our lives?
- Have you ever searched God to find out?
- Have you prayed about it?



"First off, I want to thank God, 'cause that's who I look up to. He's graced my life with opportunities that I know is not of my hand or any other human hand. He has shown me that it's a scientific fact that gratitude reciprocates. In the words of the late Charlie Lawton who said 'when you got God, you got a friend and that friend is you,'"

Matthew McConaughey, Best Actor 2014, Oscars Award