

Kingdom Influencers as a Young Person

So often our lessons directed towards young people are set in the tone of what they should not be doing.

- Passages such as “flee youthful lusts” (2 Tim 2:22) & “evil companions corrupt good morals” (1 Cor 15:33) are what they hear.
- Stats are repeated about how many young people fall away from the Lord.



Young people are a lot like airplanes. The only ones you hear about are those that crash. But all throughout the land powerful young Christians are making an impact for the Lord and His kingdom.

Throughout the Scriptures we find the wonderful example of godly Young People:

- David: a teenager when God appointed him to be the next king and when he fought Goliath
- Mary: likely a teenager when the Lord chose her to carry Jesus
- The three Jewish youths in a foreign land who refused to bow to an idol
- The young, captured servant girl who told Naaman’s wife about the prophet who could cure leprosy
- Timothy, the young preacher who was mentored and groomed by Paul

A. Josiah—king of Judah (640-609 B.C.): 2 Chron 34:1-7

1. He did _____ (34:2)
2. He _____ in the way of the Lord (34:2)
3. He was _____ and tender hearted (34:27)
4. He courageously led the nation back to God
 - _____ idols
 - setting the temple in _____ (35:20)
 - _____ to keep the law (34:31, 33)
 - _____ the Passover feast (35:7)

Specific Time References

- At _____ he became king (34:2)
- At _____ he sought the Lord (34:3)
- At _____ he purged the nation of idols (34:3)
- At _____ he repairs the temple (34:8)
- At _____ he dies (34:1; 35:24)

B. He did this with a terrible background to overcome

1. His grandfather, Manassah, reigned 55 years—built idols and offered child sacrifices (2 Kg 21:1,3,6)
2. His father, Amon, continued the wickedness and was assassinated by his servants (2 Kg 21:22-23)

Powerful Reminders:

1. He didn’t _____ getting serious and busy for the Lord
2. He _____ himself with powerful spiritual people (Hilkiah— the high priest; Jeremiah—the prophet)
3. He _____ Scripture and _____ the Lord (34:19, 21)
4. He had the _____ to do what was right (34:4, 5)
5. He became a _____ and influenced others (34:33)