

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
2 Timothy 2:22

Regarding Their Future

To stand firm in all the will of God

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.
Colossians 4:12

To seek God's direction regarding the choice of a mate

¹⁴ *Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?* ¹⁵ *What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?* ¹⁶ *What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."* ¹⁷ *"Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."*
2 Corinthians 6:14-17

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Regarding Their Age

To remember their Creator while they are young

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them."
Ecclesiastes 12:1

To be an example in their youth

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

Regarding Their Focus

On God and their neighbor

³⁰ *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."*
³¹ *The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.*
Mark 12:30-31

On Jesus Christ

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.
1 Peter 3:15

On other people

³ *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.* ⁴ *Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.* ⁵ *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*
Philippians 2:3-5

On God rather than the world

¹ *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to*

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offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. ² *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Romans 12:1-2

Regarding Their Confidence

To realize their competence comes from Christ

⁴ *Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God.*

⁵ *Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.*

2 Corinthians 3:4-5

To not be intimidated

⁶ *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.* ⁷ *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.* 2 Timothy 1:6-7

To not be ashamed of the Gospel

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 1:16

Regarding Their Spiritual Growth

To desire to know Jesus Christ intimately

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. Philippians 3:10

To be open to the Lord's examination internally

²³ *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.* ²⁴ *See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.* Psalm 139:23-24

To give their anxieties over to the Lord completely

⁶ *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* ⁷ *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7

To think about good things continually

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. Philippians 4:8

To live fruitfully

²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* ²³ *gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22-23

To live thankfully

⁶ *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him,* ⁷ *rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.* Colossians 2:6-7

Regarding Their Conduct

To live according to God's word

⁹ *How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.* ¹⁰ *I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.* ¹¹ *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Psalms 119:9-11

To obey their parents

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20

To work for the Lord

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, Colossians 3:23

To live a morally pure life

³ *It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;* ⁴ *that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

¹⁹ *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;* ²⁰ *you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20