

# young person

*This is a time of strength, beauty and idealism and can be used greatly in God's service.*

## ● Young people who served God

### \* 2 Chronicles 34:1-8

Josiah's father and grandfather were both wicked kings who worshipped idols and neglected the true God. Josiah came to the throne when he was only eight years old. What did he do when he was

16 years old? \_\_\_\_\_

20 years old? \_\_\_\_\_

26 years old? \_\_\_\_\_

### \* 2 Chronicles 34:26-33

What character qualities are evident in Josiah?

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### \* Luke 1:26-38

Imagine what must have passed through Mary's mind.

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How did she cope? \_\_\_\_\_



### \* Daniel 1:1-21    \* Daniel 3:1-30

How did Daniel and his three young friends stand out from the crowd?

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What idols are there in today's culture that young people might need to resist worshipping?



## ● Advice and instruction to young people

Young people can be reckless and vulnerable. The Bible is full of advice and instruction on how to live and how not to live.

### ● Some things to do

Ex 20:12	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lev 19:32	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ps 119:9	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 1:8-9	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 2:1-8	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 3:3-4	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 4:23	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eccl 12:1	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 Tim 4:12	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Titus 2:6	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

### ● Some things to avoid

Prov 1:10-15	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 4:14-17	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 4:24	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 6:1-5	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 6:23-29	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 23:17	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prov 23:20-21	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Tim 2:22	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the boxes  give yourself a score indicating how well you managed these things when you were young (*bad-0-1-2-3-4-5-good*).

You will see that the book of Proverbs is good reading for young people!

### ● Foolishness of young people

\* **1 Kings 12:1-16** What was Rehoboam's foolishness?

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\* **Luke 15:11-24** What was this young man's foolishness?

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## ● Make the connections

Commissioned as a young person by God

Showed God's power when everybody else was afraid

Lost by parents for three days

Risked her life for her own people

Believed when everybody else doubted

Boldly spoke about God so that an employer was healed

- **David (1 Sam 17)**
- **Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21)**
- **Esther (Est 4:15-16)**
- **Jeremiah (Jer 1:6-8)**
- **Jesus (Luke 2:44-52)**
- **Joseph (Gen 39)**
- **Joshua (Ex 33:7-11)**
- **Philip's daughter (Acts 21:9)**
- **Rhoda (Acts 12:12-17)**
- **Ruth (Ruth 1:1-18)**
- **Slave girl (2 Kings 5)**
- **Elihu (Job 32:1-5)**

Resisted the sexual advances of an employer

Loyal and loving to a mother-in-law

Closed down his business to follow the man of God

Got close to God with a man of God

A girl who prophesied

Waited for the older people to have their say before joining the debate

The lives of many of these young people are worth further study.

## ● Honouring parents

\* Exodus 20:12 \* Ephesians 6:1-3

This is a commandment with a promise. What is the promise?

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\* Proverbs 23:22 How can we honour our parents?

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\* Proverbs 17:25 What brings grief and bitterness to parents?

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\* Proverbs 23:24-25 What brings joy and gladness to parents?

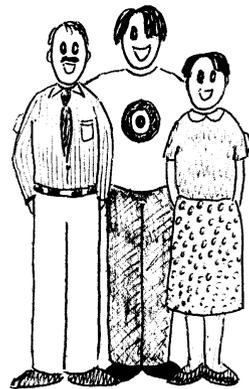
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\* John 19:25-27 How did Jesus honour his mother as he was dying?

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# Heartsearch

## Memories!



(Think about when you were 12-25 for these questions.)

What are your best memories from when you were young?

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What are your worst memories from when you were young?

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How would you describe your own character, life and attitudes as a young person?

- teachable     godly     happy     fruitful     stable  
 unteachable     ungodly     sad     unfruitful     unstable

If you could re-live your youth, what would you like to change?

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How did you communicate with your parents when you were a young person?

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How well have you honoured your parents?

- |        | very well                | well                     | badly                    | very badly               |
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Is there anything you can do about it now or in the future?

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