

The Future Is Now

The Lord has done some amazing things in the lives of teenagers. I know it's because of the work of God and the result of prayer. I believe in this generation of students. I believe they will have an amazing impact on our world and will pursue God with great zeal and passion. They want something real, they want to make a difference, and they want to be involved now. We must trust them; we must mentor and train them until they are walking in the calling they have for their lives at this moment.

Rather than focus on any negative views about our young people, I invest more time now in prayer for them than I ever have. When you focus and pray the positive, positive things will happen. Negativity only breeds negativity. What would happen if we imagined a group of young people today as they can be instead of what others have deemed them to be? We can change the statistics. We can pray.

Pray:

- That youth would see their God-given plan and purpose. Ask God to reveal the identity He wants them to have, instead of what their circumstances have dictated (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139:13-16; II Corinthians 5:20; Jeremiah 1:5; John 14:13; Romans 8:28-29).
- That they will have wisdom and develop good friendships. We often become like those we hang out with (I Corinthians 15:33; Hebrews 10:25; I Thessalonians 5:11; I Samuel 16:7).
- That they would develop good character, having their lives transformed by the Spirit of God, and living godly lives (I Timothy 4:12; Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 24:4).
- That they would develop a hunger for righteousness and purity, keeping themselves from sexual immorality (John 8:32; I Peter 1:5; Hebrews 13:4; I Corinthians 6:18; 1 John 4:4; James 1:12-14).
- That they would develop a passion for the anointing of God and be witnesses of God's truth and love to others (Acts 1:8; Luke 4:18-19; I Peter 3:15; Matthew 28:19-20; Galatians 5:24).
- That they would be submissive to their leaders and God and have accountability to mentors in their life (Ephesians 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:17; Mark 12:17).
- That they would find hope for their lives and the world around them, and encouragement in their hard times (Galatians 6:9; Ephesians 6:13; Philippians 4:8; II Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 10:23; I Peter 5:8-9).
- That they would have discernment of truth to know when the enemy is trying to deceive them or alter the Word of God (I Timothy 3:9; II Corinthians 2:11; John 17:17; Ephesians 6:14).
- That they would be passionate about their spiritual growth and work in ministry (Luke 2:52; Galatians 2:20; II Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 3:16).

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