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2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

It Is Wonderful to Be Young

Ecclesiastes 11:9–10 · Ecclesiastes 12:1

I Introduction

Youth is one of God's wonderful gifts. It is a season marked by strength, energy, growth, discovery, possibility, and purpose. It is also one of the most important seasons of life, because many of the decisions that shape our future are made during these years: decisions about our faith, character, relationships, education, career, and the kind of person we eventually become. This is a season when the foundations of life are being laid.

II Strength and Time

Being young gives us something very valuable: strength and time. We often have the energy to try new things, the capacity to learn, the courage to take risks, and the ability to recover when we make mistakes. But these advantages can easily be taken for granted. Time moves quickly, and the opportunities available in one season of life may not always be available in another.

> REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR
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> *The world often tells young people, "Enjoy yourself now; you can become serious about God later." Scripture gives a different perspective: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). God is not against enjoying our youth; Ecclesiastes 11:9 actually encourages the young to rejoice. But it also reminds us that our choices matter, and that our lives must ultimately be lived before God.*

III God Uses the Young

Throughout Scripture, God used people such as Joseph, David, Esther, Daniel, Mary, and Timothy while they were still young. Their lives show us that we do not have to wait until we are older, richer, or more established before God can use us. God is looking for people who will make themselves available to Him.

The question therefore is not simply, "Am I enjoying my youth?" but also, "What am I building with the strength, time, and opportunities God has given me?"

Youth is not a waiting room for greatness; it is a season to build with God.

IV Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to enjoy your youth while still remembering your Creator? How can a Christian maintain the right balance?
2. Strength and time are two major advantages of youth. How can a young person use these wisely, and what are some ways they are commonly wasted?
3. What can we learn from young people whom God used in Scripture? What could prevent a young person today from discovering and pursuing God's purpose?
4. What foundations should we deliberately build while we are young, and how can adults help in building them?

MEMORY VERSE

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 (KJV)

✷ ACTION POINT

Identify one area of your life where you need to become more intentional: your walk with God, purpose, career, finances, relationships, gifts, or character. Choose one practical action you will take this week to begin building in that area.

Conclusion

Being young is wonderful because it gives us strength, time, and opportunity to build. But these gifts are not permanent and should not be wasted. God does not ask us to wait until we are older before surrendering our lives to Him. He calls us to know Him, serve Him, discover our purpose, and build strong foundations now.
Youth is not for waiting. It is for building with God, from the ground up.