

Questions to Young People

Qu. 1 Are you so young that you may not be sick and die? Are young people exempted from death and the grave? What have you to hinder the grave from swallowing you up more than those that are older? Have you not seen infants laid in the cold dust? (2 Samuel 12:18; Psalm 39:5)

Qu. 2 Are you so young that you may not go to hell? Is it among the first questions, you know, your parents teach you, that all wicked children go to hell? Many young ones are in hell, who cursed away, and swore away their time, and who delayed their time. "They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean." (Job 36:14)

Qu. 3 Can you be good too soon? Can you love God and mind your own soul too soon? Can you be too soon sure of heaven; or too soon fall in with God's call to remember your Creator, and to seek him early? (Proverbs 78:17; Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Qu. 4 Whether is it better to give the best of your time to God or to the devil?

Would it be appropriate for any here to say (as to an earthly parent), "Father, I will rebel against you while I am young, and be obedient when old? And will you say so to God? (1 Kings 8:3; 2 Chronicles 34:1-3)

Qu. 5 Is not youth the usual time of conversion? An old sinner converted is a miracle that God works but now and then. "Young saint, old devil" is a bad proverb; for a young devil may become an old Beelzebub. (2 Timothy 3:13)

Qu. 6 Is it not more pleasant to God that you come to him young? "I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth" (Jeremiah 2:2). It is pleasing to God to hear young ones pray and praise, and to see them believe in Christ, and weep for sin. God resents that disobedience, which is brought from youth to manhood. "This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyest not my voice." (Jeremiah 22:21)

O, then, delay not. By beginning early, you will prevent a multitude of sins, and a multitude of sorrows. You will have a

stock of prayers and a stock of graces laid up. Be afraid of that word - "Thou writest better things against me; and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth." (Job 13:26)

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