

AGE 15-18

TODAY THE SAME

students

SCRIPTURES

Romans 13:11-14 KJV

11 "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

DID YOU KNOW???

- What do we mean by flesh?
 - Flesh is what our eyes see and want.
 - Flesh is what our pride wants.
 - Flesh is what our body sees and wants.
 - Flesh has a propensity towards sin. This is why Romans says not to make any provisions for the flesh. Instead, we must put on our christian identity and be the light in this world...specifically right NOW!

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ME?

Your time to be a light is right now! You are old enough, christian enough, and capable enough. Romans tell us that now is the time to wake up and be the light, be the church!

Our world is currently filled with darkness, discontent, and fear. However, our God is the same God today as he was before this pandemic. He hasn't changed. He is still reaching for this world, the lost, and the hurting. He has called us to be his light; he wants us to shine brightly in the midst of chaos, doom, and fear.

It would be easy to put off his work and focus on our own dreams. You are at the perfect age to do just that. You might be saying to yourself, "I've got the rest of my life to figure out what I can do for God." You might be thinking, "No one would take me seriously yet anyways because I am not an adult quite yet."

The truth is the opposite. You are the perfect age to do God's work. Right now, is the easiest time to develop a Godly lifestyle and a mentality to share the gospel. In these moments, you are deciding what path you will follow for the rest of your adult life. You are selecting training grounds that you hope will bring you success in your future. You are taking steps right now to better your prospects and better your skills. It's important to not leave God out of that preparation.

Ask yourself what you can do to get on the right path for a personal ministry in God's kingdom. Remember, everyone has a different ministry and yours may not be as scary as might think. Ask yourself how you can better your prospects for reaching the lost. Make plans that not only include God, but make plans that put him as the priority for your future. Romans was clear that right now is the time. You don't want to make your career plans and then try to figure out if there is room for God. No, that is not the right approach. Put God first and all these other things will be added to your life!

WHERE DO I START?

What future paths are you thinking about? Are they Godly or carnal?

How can you prepare yourself for ministry? You can start each day off praying and reading God's word in preparation for each new day because ministry is RIGHT NOW!

Matthew 6:33

33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

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