

Teenage Questions Answered

Questions Christians Ask

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QUESTION 1 (summarized): *“Is my testimony important if I never lived an immoral life?”*

Note: All have sinned (Rom. 3:23). The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Moral people go to hell the same as immoral people. Jesus needed to save you even if you believe you haven’t lived a bad life.

Luke 24:46-48 You are witnesses of Christ’s suffering, His death, burial, and resurrection. You are to preach repentance and remission of sins in His name. This is the main purpose of giving a testimony.

Acts 1:8 Again, you are a witness unto Jesus Christ. His instructions are that we tell others about Him, not about ourselves. Tell people what He did, not what you did.

- In Acts 2, Peter preached Jesus Christ and what He did for us. He didn’t say anything about his former life or his previous wicked ways.

THE TESTIMONY OF PAUL

Phil. 3:4-7 Paul’s testimony revealed that he lived a righteous life, obeying the Law of God, but he didn’t know Jesus Christ. And then, one day, he met Jesus, and Jesus saved him.

- He never did any of the bad things that would make people say, “Wow!” But he certainly knew he’d have ended up in hell if Jesus hadn’t saved him.

Acts 26:4-9 Paul said there were witnesses who could vouch for him. They would be able to confirm that Paul lived a good, godly life (vs 4-5).

Paul didn’t preach about himself, but about Jesus Christ rising from the dead (vs 8).

- When you witness, make sure your primary topic is Jesus Christ, not yourself.

Vs 9: Paul didn’t say he DID a lot of things contrary to the name of Jesus. He said, **“I verily THOUGHT with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus.”**

- Your thoughts condemn you so that you need the Savior, even if you never follow through with a wicked action.

QUESTION 2: *“What have you heard from adult Christians that they wished they had done as young Christians?”*

1. **“Don’t push the boundaries; don’t experiment with sin.”** Older Christians regret the sins of their youth.

Eccl 12:13 **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”**

- These are the words of King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived.
 - He experienced all the worldly things that riches could obtain.
- In the end, he realized that all those things were vain (of no use or profit). If he could do it over, he would keep God’s commandments.

2. ***“I would not have wasted my heart, time, and emotions on vain romance.”*** Most relationships of the youth end up in heartbreak, spiritual decline, emotional distress, and temptations yielded to.

Proverbs 31:1-3 ³ **Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.”**

- Young people who start dating will waste valuable time, effort, and money trying to please someone who will most likely end up being a temporary distraction from the goals you should be aiming for.
 - Focus on learning and preparing for a career. Stay on track; don't let romance interfere with what is most important.
 - Men who wait until they are financially established will be able to support a wife and avoid many struggles that plague couples who marry too young and end up divorced.
- Don't let your interest in a boy or girl interfere with your service for the Lord.
 - If you continue serving Jesus Christ, you will attract the kind of man/woman who is looking for a husband/wife who loves the Lord.

3. ***“Don't take life advice from your peers.”*** (friends, people your age).

2 Chron. 10:1-16 Rehoboam refused the counsel of the old men who had advised his father, Solomon. Instead, he followed the advice given by his peers, **“young men that were brought up with him”** (vs 10). This resulted in the kingdom splitting. He lost 10 tribes.

- Don't get marriage advice from a 22-year-old. Don't let them be your guide in life.
- Don't get advice about raising your kids from young people who have no kids.
- Don't get business advice from somebody who doesn't have business experience.
- Seek out some older people who have experienced the things you have questions about.

4. ***“Don't let envy eat your life away.”***

Proverbs 14:30 ***“A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.”***

- Don't begrudge somebody because they have a skill, a talent, a facial feature, a physical characteristic, a family, etc. that you wish you had. Envy is going to eat you up.
 - Be thankful they're using what God gave them for His glory.
 - Don't waste your life wishing you had what somebody else has. Be thankful you can serve God with what He gave you and do your best with what you've got.

QUESTION 3: *“How can I know what the Lord wants me to do.”*

Eccl. 9:10 ***“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...”***

1. ***Do what you know you should do properly.*** Develop good biblical daily habits. Be the best Christian you can be right where you are.

Prov. 3:5-6 ***“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding...”***

2. ***Trust God to direct your daily paths.*** Obey what God tells you in the bible. That is going to keep you on track so that you end up where you want to be.

Gen. 24:27 ***“I being in the way, the LORD led me...”***

3. ***Begin doing what God told you to do,*** and the Lord will lead you to where you need to be. If you're not going the Lord's way, He won't lead you. Follow Him, and He will lead you.