

A Word to the Young

Intro: Joy is the illusive desire of every human being. For those who know God, spiritual joy is a real experiential gift of God (Jn. 15:11; 2 Cor. 1:24; Gal. 5:22).

1 – Rejoice: (11:9-10) The joy being prescribed is a spiritual joy born of faith in God (2:26).

A. Follow:

B. Know:

C. Remove:

D. Put away:

2 – Remember: (12:1-8)

A. Remember in order to rejoice.

B. Creator: Live your life conscious of the fact that everything you have and your very breath is a gift of God right now!

1. James 1:17

2. Jesus is our Creator~Redeemer: (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16)

C. Remember:

1. The term *zakar* is a command that involves a commitment and action.

2. Illustrated in 1 Sam. 1:19 when God remembered Hannah and acted on her behalf.

D. Remember before it's too late!

1. Before the days of trouble: (12:1)

2. Before the darkness of old age: (12:2-5)

3. Before death overtakes you: (12:6-7)

Concluding Thoughts:

YOUTH QUESTIONS

1. WHY DO ALL PEOPLE DESIRE JOY?
2. HOW IS JOY A REAL EXPERIENCE FOR BELIEVERS?
3. WHY DOES SOLOMON ADDRESS YOUNG PEOPLE?
4. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW THE IMPULSES OF YOUR HEART?
5. HOW DOES KNOWING GOD WILL JUDGE OUR CHOICES HELP US?
6. WHAT KIND OF THINGS MUST WE BANISH FROM OUR HEART?
7. HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE PAIN THEIR BODIES TODAY?
8. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO REMEMBER? WHAT IS THE EXAMPLE?
9. WHAT IS SOLOMON DESCRIBING IN THE LONG POEM IN VERSES 1-7?
10. WHAT MUST WE DO FIRST TO KNOW THIS JOY?
11. DO YOU REALLY ENJOY LIFE? WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?