

Say “YES” to the Next Generation

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Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

1 Timothy 4:12 (New Living Translation)

“Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.” Leviticus 19:32 (New International Version)

Take-Home Truth: All believers, regardless of age, are commanded to make disciples.

Two mistakes churches tend to make with their youth:

Mistake #1: We dismiss them.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young . . . 1 Timothy 4:12a (NIV)

Solutions:

- A. Invite
- B. Encourage

Mistake #2: We coddle them.

. . . but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12b (NIV)

Solutions:

- A. Challenge
- B. Model

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children . . . Ephesians 5:1 (NIV)

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)

Say “YES”

- Say “Yes” to adventure.
- Say “Yes” to drama.
- Say “Yes” to their future.
- Say “Yes” to messy.
- Say “Yes” to questions.
- Say “Yes” to friendships.