

Seek The Old Paths

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths...and walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16)

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Some Decisions Of Youth

Garland Elkins

The youth of our day may at times be tempted to think that no one has ever faced as many problems. However, such is merely characteristic of life. Regardless of the problems, temptations and battles of life that may face youth, these are not unusual but rather are par for the course. The inspired Paul wrote, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it"* (I Cor. 10:13). The apostle Peter wrote, *"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you"* (I Peter 4:12). Thus, decisions must be made. If young people, and all others as well, will become children of God and live a faithful Christian life, though temptation and opposition will arise (II Tim. 3:12), yet the Christian can confidently say with Paul, *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"* (Rom. 8:28).

If you are looking to some imaginary future period in this life when there will be no problems, you will be disillusioned. Rather, we should rejoice that Christ will, if we will cooperate with him, help us solve our problems (I Peter 5:7).

There are problems in all phases of life — in youth, middle age, and old age. The decisions of life demand the very best of character and these decisions will determine our happiness both for time and eternity. The problems of life demand the very best that is in you. I call attention to five decisions that most young must make.

EVERY PERSON MUST MAKE A DECISION AS TO HIS VOCATION

The Bible teaches the necessity of work. To Adam, God said, *"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return"* (Gen. 3:19).

To the Thessalonians Paul wrote, *"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat"* (II Thess. 3:10). He admonished the Ephesians, *"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need"* (Eph. 4:28).

Elijah was the only man to be fed by the ravens (I Kings 17:4-6). No one can expect to "sit upon the stool of do nothing and whittle on the stick of do less" and his needs be met.

When choosing a job do not decide solely upon the basis of, "What vocation will bring to me the most dollars and cents?" Though consideration must be given to money, such is secondary to Christianity. Your choice of work should be determined on the basis of what vocation affords you the opportunity to make the greatest contribution to the cause of Christ.

THE DECISION TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION

The decision as to which school to attend is important indeed. All of us are indebted to the public schools. We have received many benefits from them. There are still many fine teachers

and students in the public school system. The ideal situation would be for every young person to be taught by a faithful and able Christian teacher. There are many fine Christian teachers in schools operated by brethren. However, such schools are sometimes invaded by false teachers. Young and old alike should manifest the attitude of the noble Bereans in all teaching and learning situations (Acts 17:11).

THE DECISION CONCERNING ASSOCIATES

This is a most serious decision with implications involving far-reaching consequences for good or evil. Inspiration's advice is "Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (I Cor. 15:33). No one ever became a drunkard if he did not take the first drink. No one would ever marry a worldly person if they did not have that first date.

THE IMPORTANT DECISION OF MARRIAGE

Realizing that much of your future usefulness and happiness both in time and in eternity will be determined by this decision, it certainly demands the utmost wisdom and judgment. Choose as a partner for life a good Christian. Solomon said, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord" (Prov. 18:22). Paul wrote, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it" (Eph. 5:25). He further instructed husbands, "Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself" (Eph. 5:28). The New Testament teaches, "Wives be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Eph. 5:22). Also "...and let the wife see that she fear her husband" (Eph. 5:33). Christian husbands and wives are "joint-heirs of the grace of life" (I Peter 3:7).

THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION

You must choose "for" or "against" Christ. There is no neutral ground. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12:30). It is impossible to serve both the Lord and the devil. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other" (Matt. 6:24).

There are some rules to be kept in mind when making these decisions. Make these decisions with regard to the best that is within you, and use

the best that you have to do it now.

Make these decisions with regard for other people. Paul stated it in these words, "For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12).

Decisions should be made that will be best for Christ and the advancement of Christianity. The following passages make clear that whatever we do must advance the cause of truth. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God: even as I also please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved" (I Cor. 10:31-33).

One cannot drink, curse, lie, steal, commit adultery, dance or commit sin without causing Jews, Greeks, or the Church of God to stumble.

Although demands upon young people are stringent, the rewards are marvelous. "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 11:9-10; 12:1).

Therefore, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12).

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:13-14).

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A WORD TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!

Gary Colley

Never has there been a time when our young people needed more encouragement and strength! They are prodded and pushed, pulled and proselyted, petted and pestered by their peers and those who would use them to carry out their own selfish goals.

Generally speaking, our young people want to be what the Lord wants them to be. They love the Gospel and want it preached straight. For this we are thankful. They are without experience in many areas of life because of a lack of age and experience. This is all the more important reason why they should not be fed with liberal and modern thinking which will lead them into difficulties of trying to find their way back to Truth in later years after many valleys of sin and sorrow have been traversed.

The parents, Bible Class teachers, preachers, school teachers, radio and TV personalities, along with many others, are going to have to be accepted or rejected by our young people. They must, with intense determination, study the truth on obeying the Gospel, marriage, and faithful Christian living. The many choices made in the formative years will last perhaps through life! Parents don't fail these young souls! For the most part, it seems that our young people want to have a good influence, dress modestly, have clean speech, and generally present the image of a faithful Christian

wherever they go. They want to be a good example with family, friends, and associates. Many have accomplished this euphoria!

To be what they want to be and should be, they will have to acquire a strong and abiding faith in the Bible (I Tim. 1:5; Matt. 7:24-27). They will have to plan to live close to God and Christ as they trust more and more in the inspired Scriptures delivered by the Holy Spirit (Titus 2:11-12). If they are governed and guided by the Truth, they will find life rewarding and fulfilling in every way (Matt. 5:13-16).

How sad it is to see the broken spirits and lives of those who either do not have the early training in God's word or ignored it. Those who contributed to their down-fall, either by weak erroneous teaching or improper example, need to read at least three times at one sitting Matthew 18:6-7.

For these reasons we exhort our young people to take hold and continue in the principles of the Gospel of Christ. We exhort those with whom they come in contact daily to take special care themselves knowing that a precious soul may be walking in their steps and even falling in their error. Let the heavy responsibility be recognized by all as we continue to the close of our part in life.

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WHY IS THE CHURCH LOSING HER YOUNG PEOPLE?

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One of the great questions which has confronted the church in every generation concerns our youth. This question, why is the church losing so many young people, has and continues to occupy the time and efforts of elders, preachers, Christians and parents in every congregation. Elaborate programs of education and recreation have been devised to answer the problem only to see subsequent generations depart from the faith, or take a very indifferent attitude toward Christianity.

This tragic situation is regarded by many as being a very heart-rending and complex problem. If this is the case there may not be a simple one-step solution to this problem. One thing which surely contributes to the problem is the parents' attitude toward the worship services. Parents enter their children in kindergarten in order that they might learn. Young children are capable of learning to count, repeat the alphabet and to sing songs. If children between the ages of five and

ten are incapable of learning, why do we send them to school? In these early years an educational foundation is laid to be built upon the rest of the child's life — Junior High, Senior High and College. Most every parent recognizes the importance of these formative years.

As these children advance in years they continue their periods of entertainment on the back row of the pews in our meeting houses, oblivious to the great spiritual truths which are being preached for their soul's well-being

However, some of these parents evidently do not believe that these same children can learn in the public worship services of the church. During these most impressionable, formative years, parents not only allow but encourage children to entertain themselves during the Worship services. Instead of encouraging their children to sing (as they would in school), listen to the preacher (as they would to their school teacher) and participate (bow their head during prayer) as they would in the school activities, parents encourage them to entertain themselves with every type of toy imaginable.

As these children advance in years they continue their periods of entertainment on the back row of the pews in our meeting houses, oblivious to the great spiritual truths which are being preached for their soul's well-being. This activity will continue until they reach High School and College age and many will enter College never having obeyed the Gospel. While the opportunity to learn God's word was there, they were too busy entertaining themselves!

Parents should use the Worship services as a time of instruction. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17) and our young people need to listen to God's Word. Granted, they do not retain all preached, but the impressionable mind which can remember the toy commercials on T.V. can retain some of God's great truths. The first grader who can sing the commercials from television can also learn to sing, "O, How I Love Jesus" and "Jesus Loves Me." We are selling our children short and would be very indignant if a school teacher told us that our child was too young to learn. The lessons presented in the public Worship, and the songs sung can and

should be reinforced in periods of home study. The period of public Worship is one of the greatest opportunities to teach a child reverence in Worship.

Parents have the responsibility of bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4), and should use the public Worship services, not for periods of entertainment, but as a spiritual training ground for precious souls.

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A Message From Satan

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Dear young person:

Do you at times feel neglected, that no one is interested in you? Please do not ever feel that way again. I am keenly interested in you, for I realize that you are most impressionable in your youth. I cannot reach many of your "old foggy," "know it all," "set in their ways" parents. Consequently, perhaps most of my most valuable time, attractive "tactics," and smooth conversion "techniques" are spent on you. Yes, you can count on me to be your "friend." Let me give you some "fatherly" advice.

❶ **Do not spend much time reading the Bible.** I want to help you make vital decisions, those which will affect you for a lifetime, even for eternity. However, those who meditate upon the Word of God find themselves not desiring to listen to me. Do not feel that you need to quote Scriptures, as Christ did when he was tempted.

❷ **Please do not really think that you need to attend every worship service.** Just look at the examples of many so-called Christians who are grown; when you grow up, you will be able to forsake the assembly also. You see, you too will learn that other things are more important.

❸ **It is vital to remember that you are young only once.** My, everybody has the "right" to sow his wild oats, does he not? Have you not observed

that religion is really for old folks? Besides, do you wish to give the impression to your friends that you are a coward, that you are not the master of your own life, that you cannot think for yourself?

④ **Expect the church to entertain you.** Do you not have every right to expect the same excitement within and without the worship of the church that you receive from television, the movies, at the ball park, etc.? If they do not have a comedian in the pulpit and a ministry of recreation, be loud in your complaints. If this fails, show your disapproval by staying home or by seeking out a church which is "really interested" in young people. Remember, "ask not what you can do for the Lord, but rather what he and the church can do for you!"

⑤ **Demand a Bible that reads like a comic book.** No one should expect you young people to study hard to understand God's will for your lives. It is just so frustrating not to have a "Bible" that you can understand. Certainly, that old archaic King James Version and even the American Standard Version are just beyond your ability to grasp.

⑥ **Do not let anyone tell you how to live your life.** Anyway, how can one really "know the truth" from a Bible so full of contradictions? Oh, have you been told you can trust the Bible? Do not believe it! Your guess as to what the Bible teaches is as good as that of anyone else. Besides, have you not heard? It is the age of "do your own thing." Have you not learned by now that certain things are "wrong" only in certain situations? What was "wrong" when your parents came along (dancing, drinking, smoking, immodest dress, gambling, sex outside of marriage, drugs, etc.) is not wrong now. They warn you of these "forbidden pleasures" only because they do not want you to have a good time.

If any of your friends need to feel "loved," pass my letter on to them. However, if your parents, the elders, or the preacher see it, they may not be impressed. I am interested in having you spend eternity with me, also.

Your friend (?)
Satan

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The article below points out a sad picture that is happening in far too many places today. Be sure to read what the Bible says immediately following.

The Third Epistle Of Paul To Timothy

Steve Gibson

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to Timothy, Associate Youth Minister of the church in Ephesus.

I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went to the Macedonian workshop, that thou mightest share thy dynamic motivational personality with the keen teens. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, candle-light devos be held for all cell groups. Mediate upon new schemes to keep them stirred up and on fire, give thyself wholly to them, lest the aged men and women teach them to be soberminded.

But watch thou in all things. Do the work of a recreation director, plan a social calendar, entertain at hootenannies, chauffeur to amusement parks, referee ball games, make full proof of thy ministry. For bodily exercise produceth firm believers. These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the fieldhouse of God, which is the gymnasium of the church, the backboard and track of progress.

Let no man despise thy youth rallies: but be thou an example of the latest fad, in hugs, in applause, in altar calls, in neo-charismatic spirituality, in cliches. Do thy diligence to schedule Hymenaeus and Philetus for next year.

Study to show thyself an intellectual. But progress beyond the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing the rigid traditionalists from whom thou hast learned them. Let the elders that rule be told they have no authority, especially over you.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, preach self-image psychology: relate, placate, and motivate with all values clarification and counseling. Use vague speech, that cannot be pinned down; that he that is of the contrary part may look foolish, having no charges that you cannot later deny. These things suggest

and present as all personal opinion so that anyone who disagrees may be ignored.

Hold back the faithful word, which you were taught, that you may be able by new doctrines both to find and fill felt needs. For there are many dynamic speakers and misunderstood thinkers, specially they of the circumcision, whose mouths must be given a wider hearing. A man that is a heretic to older brethren, after the first and second brotherhood backlash, take a caravan of children a hundred miles to hear. Lay hands suddenly on anyone who seems visibly successful: keep thyself popular.

O Timothy, keep that which unknowing parents have committed to thy trust, avoiding doctrinal issues and oppositions of knuckleheads, so-called.

What The Bible Actually Says

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ...To Timothy, my dearly beloved son (II Tim. 1:1-2).

I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine (I Tim. 1:3). I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (I Tim. 2:1-2). Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee (I Tim. 4:15-16).

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry (II Tim. 4:5). For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come (I Tim. 4:8). These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (I Tim. 3:14-15).

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation,

in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (I Tim. 4:12-13). Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me (II Tim. 4:9). But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some (II Tim. 2:16-18).

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Tim. 2:15). But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them (II Tim. 3:14). Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine (I Tim. 5:17).

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ...Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (II Tim. 4:1-3). In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you (Titus 2:7-8). These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee (Titus 2:15).

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake (Titus 1:9-11). A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject (Titus 3:10). Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure (I Tim. 5:22).

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called (I Tim. 6:20).

—By the Inspiration of God—

The 6th Annual Lectureship was a great success. Attendance is growing and comments continue to be made that it is one of the best (in some opinions the best) lectureships they know of. It's a breath of fresh air to hear the Old Jerusalem gospel preached again and again. Books and tapes of the lessons are still available.

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ashamed of when they follow this wise counsel of the word of God. Again, **LET THE WICKED BE ASHAMED!**

Young people are made to feel ashamed because they do not dress in the immodest fashions of the day.

Those of the world would have our Christian teens to be ashamed of this concern for modesty. But Christian young people have nothing of which to be ashamed. Paul, through inspiration wrote, "...that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But which becometh women professing godliness with good works" (I Tim. 2:9). Although Paul was primarily speaking to women on this occasion, men must also adorn themselves in modesty. Peter tells us that we are to be a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people (literally a people for God's own possession, ASV) to show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). We are to be different from the world in our dress, as well as all other areas of our life. Christian young people have nothing of which to be ashamed when they adorn themselves in modesty. **LET THE WICKED BE ASHAMED!**

Young people are often made to feel ashamed because they do not engage in the profanity of the day.

The world would have our youth to be ashamed of not using profanity or telling dirty jokes. But as in the above areas, our young people have nothing of which to be ashamed. We are to "Keep our tongue from evil, and our lips from speaking guile" (Psalm 34:13). The wise man Solomon wrote, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Prov. 21:23). Paul warned, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers" (Eph. 4:29). When young people follow this inspired teaching they have nothing of which to be ashamed. Again we respond, **LET THE WICKED BE ASHAMED!**

Young people are made to feel ashamed because they do not engage in the lascivious recreation of the day.

The world would have Christian young people to be ashamed of not engaging in mixed swim-

ming, dancing, or attending dirty movies. Again, our young people have nothing of which to be ashamed. God warns us through his word that engaging in these lascivious activities can rob us of our home in heaven (Gal. 5:19-21). We are commanded to keep our minds and our hearts pure (Matt. 5:8; I Tim. 1:5). Paul through inspiration tells us, "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things*" (Phil. 4:8). Our young people should not be ashamed of choosing to abstain from reaction which is lascivious in nature. **LET THE WICKED BE ASHAMED!**

Paul encouraged young Timothy to be "...an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12). Young people like Timothy should not be ashamed. Let the faithful children of God "shew forth the praises of him that hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). As David has said, "O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause" (Psalm 25:2-4).

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PARENTS...

It is hard to convince your children that the work of the church is really important if you do not take an active part.

It is hard to convince your children that faithfulness to God is the most important loyalty in life when you permit them to forsake worship to engage in other activities.

It is hard to convince your children that the church is the body of Christ when you are indifferent to the welfare of its members.

It is hard to convince your children that the church is to be respected when you constantly complain and criticize those who care enough to be doing something.

It is hard to convince your children that they should serve God if you do not serve him.

LET THE WICKED BE ASHAMED

Wade Lee Webster

"Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave" (Psalm 31:17). Often times the wicked are not at all ashamed when they sin. Jeremiah said of those of his day, "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush..." (Jer. 6:15a). Jeremiah even went so far as to say that some of the wicked of his day "refused to be ashamed" (Jer. 3:3). Does this type of attitude toward sin sound familiar? It should! Today the wicked are not at all ashamed as they openly rebel against God and his word. Instead of their being ashamed of sin, they often try to make the righteous ashamed of not engaging in sin. The wicked often employ this tactic against today's youth. Notice the following examples:

Young people are made to feel ashamed because they do not engage in the sexual immorality of the day.

The wicked of the world would have today's youth to feel ashamed over their purity and virginity. However, Christian young people should not be ashamed of their purity. Paul tells us through inspiration to *"keep ourselves pure"* (I Tim. 5:22), to *"flee fornication"* (I Cor. 6:18), and to *"flee also youthful lusts"* (II Tim. 2:22). Young people should not be ashamed when they are keeping these commandments of God. Listen to the psalmist as he responds, **"LET THE WICKED BE ASHAMED!"**

Young people are made to feel ashamed because they do not indulge themselves in the substance abuse of the day.

The wicked would have our youth to be ashamed of not experimenting with alcohol and other harmful drugs. But Christian young people should not feel ashamed because of this. Peter tells us to abstain from *"fleshly lusts which war against the soul"* (I Peter 2:11). We do not have the right to abuse our bodies, because our bodies have been bought with the precious blood of Christ, and are to be used to glorify God (I Cor. 6:19-20). Through inspiration Paul declares that *"drunkenness"* will rob us of our home in heaven (Gal. 5:21). Young people have nothing to be
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This issue of **Seek The Old Paths** is for and about young people. It is printed that young people may be encouraged as well as admonished in their Christian life. Brother Wade Webster, whose article appears opposite of this note, is a young man who has devoted himself to preaching the gospel. He is an excellent writer and preacher and stands as a great encouragement to young people everywhere. I commend his lesson to you. Plans are underway for next year's Mississippi Lectureship the 4th Sunday in July, 1992.

FROM OUR READERS

"So glad to get it in our home"...*Aberdeen, MS*. "Please continue to send **Seek The Old Paths** to me. May God bless you"...*Parchman, MS*. Please add our name to your mailing list. I read the article regarding Summer's Clothing styles and was very impressed with your straight forward approach. Do keep up the scriptural "narrow mindedness" that is so needed in these days of extreme permissiveness in the brotherhood"...*Amory, MS*. "I would like to receive your monthly publication. Thank you in advance"...*Rockford, AL*. "Please put these names on your mailing list. Thank you for your help in preaching the gospel, defending the faith and helping Christians to remain sound in the faith"...*Moss, TN*. "I have been in MS the last two months with my mother... While there, she received a copy of **Seek The Old Paths**. I was so impressed that I would like to get on the mailing list and would also like to have some of my friends put on the list too"...*Dallas, TX*.

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