

# Growing Up

## Stages of Life – Part 1

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*Isaiah 46:3b-4 (ESV) “Listen to me, [you] have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.*

### 1. Acknowledge God \_\_\_\_\_ in life

*Psalm 34:11 (ESV) Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

*Proverbs 8:17 (ESV) I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.*

*Ecclesiastes 12:1 (ESV) Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”;*

### 2. Respond to God's \_\_\_\_\_

*Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV) “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”*

*Jeremiah 1:6-7 (ESV) Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.*

*2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ God wholeheartedly

*2 Kings 22:1a-2 (ESV) Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign ... And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.*

*2 Kings 23:25 (ESV) Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.*

*1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV) Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

### Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer
  - Mon
  - Tue
  - Wed
  - Thu
  - Fri
  - Sat
  - Sun
- Invite a friend to attend the service next week.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Growing Up Study Guide**

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Intro. How does Isaiah 46:3-4 encourage you as you journey through life?

2A. Why do we need to seek God's will and direction for our lives (Jeremiah 1:5)?

Intro. How would you describe the young adult years for most people?

2B. How did God encourage Jeremiah to respond to His call (Jeremiah 1:6-7)?

Intro. What new pressures do young people face now, that they didn't a decade ago?

2C. What does it mean to "stir up the gift of God" (2 Timothy 1:6)?

1A. What does it mean to fear the Lord (Psalm 34:11)?

2D. In what ways may a young person's desires and God's will differ?

1B. Why is it wise to seek wisdom and plan for the future (Proverbs 8:17)?

3A. Why do you think that Josiah served God from the age of eight onward (2 Kings 22:1-2)?

1C. Why is it important to grow spiritually as a youth (Ecclesiastes 12:1)?

3B. How would you practically define what it means to serve God wholeheartedly (1 Kings 23:25)?

1D. What are some things young people can become obsessed with in today's culture, to the detriment of spiritual priorities?

3C. In what ways can a young person be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity (1 Timothy 4:12)?

3D. Why is it important for a young person to stay as far away from sin as possible?