

ADVICE TO A GRADUATE

1 Timothy 4:12 2 Timothy 5:1-13; 2:15, 22

Introduction: God gives us advice when He tells us to listen to our elders for they have gone through life and have already experienced things we have yet to experience and if we would listen to their advice, we could benefit in ways that would help us avoid some pitfalls as well as enhance some joys along the way. Paul, whose life is about over, is giving some advice to an 18 to 20 year old young man. As you have spent the last 12 years or so of your lives in school and are about to graduate and move out into the adult world, what advice might I give you graduating Seniors?

I. SOME ADVICE ABOUT YOUR FAITH IN OUR LORD

1. Do not be ashamed that you are a Christian or of your Church or your Christian friends or most of all of your Lord..
2. Hold on to your faith for you will have countless temptations to put it aside or even forsake it.
3. Depend upon our Lord. Include him in your life before "exam" times.
4. Use God's gift that He has already given you. You have something special from Him, find it, use it for God has a plan for your life.

II. ADVICE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE

1. Respect, appreciate the older people around you. Don't make fun of them or try to humiliate them or think you need to correct them...especially in public.
2. Your peers are equal, therefore respect and show them honor.
3. Remember and profit by good examples which you have already seen and heard.

III. SOME ADVICE ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIOR

1. Don't give anyone cause to look down upon you. Give them no cause to think that you are immature, inexperienced or undependable.
2. Be an appropriate example before others.
3. Control your desires for you will want things, to be popular and dabble in immorality. Don't become impulsive, think things out before you act. Satan will want to run your life.

CONCLUSION:

1. Above all, don't forget your faith.
2. Appreciate and learn from others.
3. Live a good example before others.
4. May our Lord Jesus guide and bless you as you begin this new phase of life.