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CHURCH OF CHRIST

What GOD Expects from YOUNG ADULTS *Summer Series* 2025

Agenda

Introduction – “What is ‘Grown’?”

Stewardship vs Management

Relationships

Health

The Future is Now

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What does “I am grown” mean?

VS.

What does “being grown” mean?



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Setting Priorities

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV): “(9) Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the **firstfruits** of all your crops; (10) then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) “But **seek first HIS kingdom and HIS righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

- Putting GOD first in the beginning for everything that is done determines long term peace and blessings: **Time – Talent – Treasure**
- Start your day, goals, and priorities with GOD. Time with Him comes first, not last.
- Last week?....This week, examine your use of:
 - Time – . . . surrendered to GOD? -
 - Money - . . . give as you prosper?
 - Talents – . . . using them to build GOD’s Kingdom?

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Our Health with GOD

The most important relationship in the Bible is between **GOD and humanity**. Every other relationship flows from this one.

- **Matthew 22:37-38 (ESV):**

*“You shall love the Lord your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **This is the great and first commandment.**”*

- **James 4:8 (NIV):**

“Come near to GOD and he will come near to you.”

A restored relationship with GOD through **JESUS CHRIST** is the starting point of true love, healing, and peace in all other relationships.

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Environmental Health

Definition: Caring for the earth and GOD's resources with wisdom, justice, and responsibility.

Key Scriptures (NIV):

- **Genesis 2:15** – “The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”
- **Psalms 24:1** – “The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;”
- **Proverbs 12:10** – “The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

Healthy Signs:

- Stewardship, not exploitation
- Sustainable living; Care for animals and land
- Responsibility for community needs

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Rescuable Food Scenarios

% of Food Waste Rescued	Pounds Rescued (billions)	People Fed	% of Hungry People Fed
25%	36.95	33.6 M	~71%
43.5% (Break-even)	64.94	47.4 M	100%
50%	73.9	67.2 M	~142%
75%	110.85	100.7 M	~212%




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Environmental Impact of Rescuing Edible Food Waste (U.S.)

 If we rescue:

Rescued Food	GHG Emissions Avoided (CO ₂ e)	Water Saved	Land Use Reduced
25% (~7.5M tons)	~32.5 million metric tons	~6.7 trillion gallons	~2.5 million acres
50% (~15M tons)	~65 million metric tons	~13.5 trillion gallons	~5 million acres
75% (~22.5M tons)	~97.5 million metric tons	~20 trillion gallons	~7.5 million acres

 These are estimates based on data from ReFED, NRDC, and the World Resources Institute.

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Intellectual Health (*What is The Truth*)

Definition: Truth is Spirit-led — the Holy Spirit guides believers into all truth (John 16:13).

Key Scriptures (NIV):

- **John 14:6** – “JESUS answered, “I am the way and **the truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
 - This means that truth is not just a set of facts or moral principles; it is embodied in JESUS Himself — His nature, His words, His actions, and His sacrifice.
- **Truth Is Not Always Welcomed. Biblical truth can be uncomfortable or unpopular. Paul warned:**
 - **2 Timothy 4:3–4** – “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine... and they will turn their ears away from the truth,..and be turned aside to fables.”
- If you're seeking truth, the Bible doesn't just define it — it invites you into a relationship with it:
 - **John 18:37** - “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

¹⁰Healthy Signs:

- Truth challenges us, calls for repentance, and demands faith.



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Future

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When is the Future? NOW!!!

GOD Has a Purpose for Young People

Key Scriptures:

- Jeremiah 29:11 — “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
 - GOD is intentional about the direction of your life. Even when the world feels uncertain, He promises hope.
 - GOD’s plans are not limited by age. He calls the young (like Samuel, David, Jeremiah, Timothy) and gives them assignments that shape nations.
- 1 Timothy 4:12 — “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”
 - The future of the church and the world includes young people being leaders in faith and character.

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When is the Future? NOW!!!

Seek Wisdom Early

Key Scriptures:

- Ecclesiastes 12:1 — “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come.”
→ Building a foundation in GOD early helps young people stand firm in the harder years ahead.
- Proverbs 3:5–6 — “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”
→ The future is safest when guided by GOD’s wisdom, not just personal ambition or cultural trends.

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Hope Despite Challenges

Key Scriptures:

- John 16:33 — “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
→ The Bible doesn’t deny that the future will have struggles (economy, morality, violence, etc.), but JESUS assures victory.
- Isaiah 40:30–31 — “Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.”
→ Strength for the future isn’t just about energy or ambition — it comes from waiting on GOD.

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The Bigger Picture of the Future

Key Scriptures:

- Joel 2:28 — “I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”
→ Young people are not just participants but carriers of GOD’s vision for the future.
- Revelation 21:4 — “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.”
→ Ultimately, the future for young people (and all who follow CHRIST) is eternal hope, beyond the brokenness of this world.

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The Responsibility of the Older Generation

Key Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 6:6–7 — “These commandments ... are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road.”
- Psalm 145:4 — “One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.”
- Titus 2:3–5 — Older men and women are called to teach, train, and model GODly living for the younger.

→ The future of young people is not just their own responsibility — it is also the sacred duty of parents, elders, and mentors in the faith to guide them.

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The Future Is Built on Wisdom and Obedience

Key Scriptures:

- Proverbs 22:6 — “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”
 - A future of blessing comes from learning GOD’s ways early.
 - The choices young people make now plant seeds for their tomorrow.



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