

This Is the Year of the Youth

Throughout biblical history you will see that God used  young people, even children, especially when adults became spiritually redundant and the only progress was to recreate history, or “bring back those good old days.” Looking back has its rewards but unfortunately creates feelings of nostalgia and morbidity.

You have to be dissatisfied with your present conditions, surroundings and supply of joy, peace, happiness, etc. before you will really look forward. So inevitably, God will allow things to run their course and people will become dissatisfied. Suddenly what was once exciting, fresh and tantalizing is now boring and repetitious. You are dull and the self-environment is uninteresting, dim and blunt. You can either sit and complain for as long as you can, or you can change it.

Make war with repetition, be at odds with dullness, spit out lukewarmness and start a fight with blah, blah, blah. You weren't born to be satisfied with “just enough” to keep you going. Once you've tasted of the better that is to come you never want to go back. Imagine driving a car forward, while looking in the mirror, hoping that what is behind you will assist your progress.

Positive Velocity: If the velocity of the past is negative, then what you will experience is deceleration—something a young person does not

want to
experience. Retirement is not in the minds of young people. They are
constantly looking for the fruit of hope, in order to be
nourished by
it, not the seeds of fruit that have been consumed. They want
to
experience for themselves that they may also observe the
invisible, and
in so doing begin to create the image (armor, suit of
clothing) that
fits their makeup and personality.

King Saul of the Bible, the strong, tall adult king of Israel,
stood
in amazement as David, a young shepherd boy, used a simple
stone and
sling to destroy Israel's greatest enemy—a Philistine giant
named
Goliath. Prior to that happening, King Saul had commanded that
his suit
of armor be placed onto David, but David could not fit it onto
his body.
It wasn't suitable for this rugged young boy. Saul had lost
the
prophetic edge being rejected by Samuel the **prophet**, and
therefore a
young person had to use his childlike faith to bring
excitement and
morale back into the nation of Israel.

The story of Samuel is just as fascinating. He was born during
a time of
acute **spiritual famine** and corruption. Eli, the high priest of
the day,
had lost all connection with God and his entire household was
corrupt,

causing the people of Israel to sin in the temple and at the altar. The **Word of God** even says that “there was no open vision” in Israel due to this.

Samuel, as a young boy, ministered to the Lord in the presence of Eli, and during that time, the heaven opened up and **God's voice** was once again heard clearly. While Samuel lay sleeping in the temple in the presence of Eli, God spoke to him and called his name, “Samuel!” Samuel thought that it was Eli calling him so he ran to Eli and inquired what he wanted. Eli said, “Go back to sleep.”

It's amazing how dull and dim-sighted a **religious spirit** makes men. Eventually, when Samuel did hear **God's voice**, what he heard was shocking. God basically informed Samuel, the young boy, that He was going to destroy Eli and his family in order to bring an end to the stagnancy and the spiritual lack in Israel.

You have to destroy every present hindrance before you can move to your next level. I want to give you a task to do: Take a pen and write down every hindrance that you can see is stopping you from moving to your next level of freedom, liberty and happiness.

Spirit of Daniel: As prophesied at the beginning of the year, this is the “Year of the Youth,” and the year for us to

conquer our mountain.

Many mountains were conquered because of youth. The mountain of religious corruption and stagnation was conquered by Samuel, in the presence of the corruption—the high priest Eli. The mountain of manipulation, intimidation and fear was conquered by young David in the presence of Goliath and King Saul. The mountain of slavery and bondage was conquered by young Daniel in the presence of the King of Babylon, as Daniel stood surrounded by hungry lions and courageously survived.

The list goes on and on. But what is important for us to understand is that if God revealed to us that He is about to cast a mantle upon the youth, then we must suppose without a doubt that there is deliverance from a certain corruption, stagnation, religious witchcraft and the grip that humanity has found itself in at this present time. We are about to conquer many mountains. What is the mountain that you wish to conquer? This is your year to do it and this is your time.

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