

**Ecclesiastes 12:1**  
In the Days of Your Youth

*Remember your Creator ...*

I. Privilege

- A. Covenant Blessings
- B. Christ's Community

II. Passion

- A. Embracing the Faith
- B. Pursue Righteousness

III. Impact

- A. Your Peers
- B. God's World

*... as life lies before you.*

***Children, Listen ...***

1. What are some blessings you have from being in God's church?
2. Simply hearing the Gospel of Jesus is not enough - what else must there be?
3. Is it very important for Christians to be a part of a good church?
4. Have you trusted in Jesus to be your Savior?
5. Will God keep His children through all their days and into forever?

**No Time for Vanity**

The youthful years are foundational to the way we build the rest of our lives. Church kids (if we can call them that) have a special blessing and wonderful opportunity to set themselves on the solid rock at an early age – that is, if they are being raised in a solid church. Sadly so many squander the special privilege the Lord bestows on His covenant people and many young people who were raised in the church fall away from the Lord. The writer of Ecclesiastes was one such individual. He heard the truth from infancy and had all the blessing of the church at his finger-tips, but somewhere along the line he decided to pursue the world over and above the things of the Lord. He soon discovered that life without the Lord is painful vanity, meaningless and empty – he became a hollow man. The Lord was merciful and he came to his senses but you can't help but note a sense of sorrow even in his spiritual recovery. He reflect back on many lost years. In our short verse he appeals to his readers to remember their Creator in the days of youth. It is often said it is "never too late," which is true, but we also know from God's Word that no man knows his hour. Let us each be sure to seek the Lord while He may be found, to set out by His grace to walk with the Lord Jesus all the days of our lives. May the time we have to serve Him here be full, rich and meaningful for the glory of God, the good of others, and the deep satisfaction of our souls that will never die.