

Start Early (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Introduction:

- I. _____ we need to _____ in our youth.
 - A. That we are _____ and thus _____ to God.
Ps. 100:3; 139:13, 14; Gen. 2:7, 21, 22
 - B. That we are _____ and thus _____ of God.
Gen. 1:26-28; Ecc. 3:11; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10
 - C. That we are _____ and thus need _____ by God.
Gen. 3; Ecc.7:29;

Application:

1. Throughout life, we need to remember our Creator.
2. We must replace self-concern with a God concern.
3. "Every time you draw your breath, you suck in mercy." Thomas Manton

- II. _____ we need to _____ in our youth.
 - A. We have _____ to reflect and to learn.
Prov. 4:4-6
 - B. We have major _____ to make.
 - C. We have a large _____ of our _____ ahead of us.

D. Life goes by _____ . Ecc. 1:4, 5; 12:2ff; Ps 90:10; Ps. 103:15,16

III. _____ we can _____ in our youth.

A. Look at _____ (Ps. 19:1ff)

B. Read the _____ (Ps. 119:9, 11)

C. Be in _____ (Lk. 6;12; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18)

D. Take _____ your thinking for the Lord. (2 Cor.10:5)

Application:

1. You cannot have a happy existence without remembering your Creator.
2. We can become hardened by unconfessed sin as we move through life.
3. The ultimate concern is not our death. It is our facing God Who will judge us. (12:14)