

E. As a Unit: brothers and sisters:

1. A living role 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
2. A walking role: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6, 14, et al.
3. A family role: 1 Timothy 5, Ephesians 5

F. Summary:

All of these may be expanded greatly. Too often in a fellowship we tend to be watchers only. Our great desire is to see the Lord honored in worship and obedience, exercise and judgment. The Scripture is both descriptive and definitive in many points but we are too often willing to sit by and take little responsible action. I regret having to treat these matters in something of a cavalier fashion but in the long run the point becomes....what does God expect or desire for us that our lives may praise Him more and better establish His testimony.

VI. Helping Our Youth

A. Introducing this section of our material

In our spiritual societies there are a lot of divisional matters that are extra-biblical but the distinction of youth and age is not one of them. The youth of today will be the aged of tomorrow and they will be best benefited by a mature body of older believers that helps them grow in the right way. Paul's letters to Timothy give a lot of help in this matter but there are many practical points of advice given in Scripture and perhaps one of the most pointed is this:

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy Word. Psalm 119:9

Consider how this is supported by 2 Timothy 3, Ecclesiastes 12:1 and chapter 11 and 2 Timothy 2.

B. Consider the services of youth in the Bible (partial consideration)

1. Naaman's maid.....2 Kings 5:2
2. Paul's nephew.....Acts 23:16
3. God's messenger....Zechariah 3:4

Response to
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1 Tim 4:12 SS.
2 Tim 2:1-4
Titus 2

It is real!
- a pool of
energy - but
not stable
W. G.
Smith

Often feel left out,
in a church where
we want.