

# THE “LIFE AND BIBLE” SERIES

Living Out Our Christianity **With An Attitude**

## **COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1:9-14**

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**THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

### **BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A KID**

***WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN KID LOOK LIKE?***

***A SERIES ON DEVELOPING A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE WALK WITH GOD AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL SITUATIONS***

**SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:**

**Discipleship, Youth, Growing Up, Decisions**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Colossians 1:9-14**

### **Are We Not All Children of Our Parents Tonight?**

Now, as a Christian, We're All God's Kids!

**I'm talking to kids this evening  
but if the shoe fits our big feet, lets wear it!**

Listen carefully and don't tune me out  
cuz you think this doesn't apply to you.

#### **The Truth Is;**

We all still deal with issues of our past, and for some – they never outgrow them. **They can only be overcome through our maturity in Christ.** As we accept that His love for us overpowers our challenges.

**what we experience as children shapes what we are in adult life.**

*here's the amazing thing, what's going on in our early lives shapes our childhood  
(that could be terrible, or it could be awesome – **each of us decide which one it will be**)*

# The Issues in Tonight's Message Apply to All of Us.

## BEING A **CHRISTIAN** WHILE BEING A **KID**

WHAT DOES A "CHRISTIAN" PARENT LOOK LIKE & WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PARENTS?

### Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing *Him*, **being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father** who has **qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us **from the power of darkness** and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, :14 in whom we have **redemption** through His blood, even the **forgiveness** of sins.

## before we get going,

I want to say some things about kids & young people.

there's a keen reason as to "why" America's youth is under attack today like I have never seen before in my life-time. – statistically, just surviving the first nine months of your development in your mother's womb is hard.

**Young People are Extremely Valuable in The Sight of The Lord.**

### Isaiah 49:5

It was... "the LORD Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant,

**Let's Remember that** God Appointed Many of Israel's Kings while they were just kids, some children!

**Let's Remember that** Prophets like Jeremiah and Daniel, & John the Baptist and Others Were Used Mightily by God at a Young Age...

### 1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.

# BEING A **CHRISTIAN** WHILE BEING A **KID**

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN KID DO IN THESE DAYS ?

## 1.) What being a kid means

**When It Comes to Kids, Teens and Beyond, God's Design Hasn't Changed.**

and God's word to kids & teens remains the same because --  
the answer remains the same. – His Word !!!

**Huge Portions of The Scriptures**

Speak directly to children, teens and young adults.

**Matthew 19:14**

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

## **YHWH - The God of The Bible Loves Kids**

**Job 21:11-12**

They send forth their little ones like a flock, And their children dance. :12 They sing to the tambourine and harp, And rejoice to the sound of the flute.

there is to be a good balance for every kid;  
to both **work** and **play**, but **mostly play**

**Zechariah 8:5-6**

And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. :6  
Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days,

a child, a kid, young people, must be allowed to play **for realzies**  
(get outside, get dirty, get wet, look around, climb a tree, take a hike)

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN KID DO IN THESE DAYS ?

## 2.) My family

**The Bible Defines What a Family is;**  
A Family is a Father and/or Mother with a Child and/or Children.

## **A Family is Where Children Learn How To Become Adults.**

Hey Kids, Tell Your Mom or Your Dad  
**"God Wants You to Read the Bible to Me"**

### **Isaiah 54:13**

All your children *shall be* taught by the LORD,  
And great *shall be* the peace of your children.

Kids, Your Home Is Supposed to Be a Sanctuary – **Like a Fort**  
*a place of safety, joy, learning, love, excitement – protection !*

### **It's Inside a Christian Home**

*that a kid learns about God, team work, acceptance, unity, labor,  
ethics, values, encouragement...*

## **It's Inside Your Family is Where Christianity Becomes a Reality**

not perfect, not sinless, but real, a place where God is loved...

## **BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A KID** **WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN KID DO IN THESE DAYS ?**

### **3.) The fears of being a kid**

status / peer pressure / your body / zits / friends / looks / clothes...

### **Various "Fear Factors" Can Overpower a Kid**

Young People, Get in The Habit of Owning,  
Carrying and Reading Your Own Bible...

### **Jeremiah 1:5-7**

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." :6 Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth." :7 But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I *am* a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

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## 4.) Things kids deal with today

### **mom & dad; let me say it for your kid;**

They face **the constant bombardment** of what they're being taught by **you**, the Sunday school teacher or **youth pastor** vs. their friends, teachers and culture...

### **confused at least**

Kids, you need more help today than ever – you're under attack in how you spend your time, media, games, movies, music, internet

Your Kids are Being Forced & Pressured to Accept Homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle.

*“recent sociological studies suggest that the absence of a father-figure or masculine male role model in a young mans life causes him to trend more towards a feminine or more motherly side.”*

### **According to Data Gathered by Exodus International;**

almost all gay's and lesbian's experienced some form of child sexual abuse in their early years.

### **Also, Today's Secular Culture Has Succeeded**

in “Dumbing Down” Our Youth. The System has Sought to Destroy The Vision and Passion of Our Kids Today by Telling Them That They Can't Excel or Rise Above the Standard. – They Need to “Conform”

today parents send their children off to school to hopefully learn something, amidst the violence, the distractions, the political correctness, and indoctrination of lifestyle issues, revised history and an anti-Christian biases.

**Individuality is Mocked and Discouraged. – that's wrong and evil.**

### **Philippians 4:13**

I (you) can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (you).

# Truth is; Young People are Much Smarter, Stronger, and Teachable Than Our Society Believes or Will Allow Them to Be...

## Romans 12:1-2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? :2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

## BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A KID WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN KID DO IN THESE DAYS ?

### 5.) The pressure to fit in

#### Hey Kids Remember The

status / peer pressure / your body / zits / friends / looks / clothes...

#### So Check This Out –

- (1) You Will Never “Fit In” with your Friends **Because Your Friends Don't Fit In”**
- (2) You Will Never “Fit In” with this World **Because the World Doesn't Fit In”**

## Psalm 71:4-6

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of evil and cruel men.  
:5 For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, **my confidence since my youth.**  
:6 From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

Take “**The Lead**” and Don't Look Back.  
Be “**Radical**” for Jesus and See What Happens.

## BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A KID WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN KID DO IN THESE DAYS ?

### 6.) What my friends are doing

**Very Few People on This Planet**  
will have friends that will remain. less still a lifetime.

We Become Like Those Who We **Allow** to Influence Our Lives.  
Friends are major factors in **Effecting** our Future.

**Proverbs 1:10-11**

My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them! :11 They may say, "Come and join us. Let's hide and kill someone! Let's ambush the innocent!"

**Proverbs 17:9**

Disregarding another person's faults preserves love; telling about them separates close friends.

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN KID DO IN THESE DAYS ?

**7.) Being a counterculture kid**

**Listen, The Culture is Antichrist.**

I just Heard Today on KFI Radio that "If You Believe in The Bible,  
You Need to Move Back to The Stone Age"

**By the Way,**

it was Christianity that said the world was round  
when everybody said the world was flat.

**By the Way,**

It was Christianity that said, life is housed in the blood when  
everybody else said in was in the air.

**By the Way,**

It was Christianity that said the sea and wind currents work together  
when the world couldn't figure it out

**Be a "Counter-Culture" Kid**

ask questions, alot of question. all the time, about everything

**"facts are stubborn things" - get the answers**

## Daniel Chapter 3 – Bow to the Image or Burn on in the Ovens

### Matthew 5:13

“You are the salt of the earth;

### Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world.  
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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### 8.) Overcoming your worries

#### Matthew 6:31-33

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ :32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. :33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

#### Proverbs 3:1-4

My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart, :2 for they will give you a long and satisfying life. :3 Never let loyalty and kindness get away from you! Wear them like a necklace; write them deep within your heart. :4 Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will gain a good reputation.

## Go On The Advance

When it comes to those things that trouble you.

“Seek to Overcome those Things that Scare You  
by Going After Them.”

(math, sports, projects, challenges, issues, fears)

#### 1 Corinthians 10:31

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do,  
you must do all for the glory of God.

#### Daniel 11:32b

but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.



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**9.) Finding your place in life**

This Worldly System Will Promise You **"What You Want to Hear"**

Satan himself came to Jesus and said;

**Matthew 4:9-10**

:9 "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." :10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

**Getting This World Isn't the Goal – Knowing God Is...**

And That Begins Right Here, Right Now  
By Becoming a Servant of God, That's How It Happens!

Kids Listen - Go be the Best **Doctor** You Can Be!  
Be the Best **Engineer**, The Best **Landscaper**, The Best School **Teacher**...  
Just Remember This, and Never Forget It, Be a Christian First !!!

**Being a Christian is What You Are.**

Being a **Doctor**, **Engineer**, **Landscaper** or **Teacher** is What You Do.  
(you're a Christian first)

**Psalm 78:70**

He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds;

**1 Samuel 3:19-20**

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him, and everything Samuel said was wise and helpful. :20 All the people of Israel from one end of the land to the other knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD.

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**10.) Deciding who you're going to be**

**Proverbs 20:11**

Even a child is known by his deeds, Whether what he does *is* pure and right.

You're Always Going to be Making Decisions People.  
Your Choices Will Determine Your Direction.

Make Sure Your Direction is Always Toward the Lord and His Word.

**Ephesians 3:17-20, Romans 8:38-39**

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, :18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height - :19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. :20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us... **Rom. 8:38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

**If You're Young Tonight, Please Stand Up,**

————— *End of Study* —————