10. In what sense is it wrong to be rich and have many things??

Eccl 11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. **10** Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

11. Is it wrong that you entertain yourself with good things?

1Tim 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

12. What spiritual values should youth seek?

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

13. What noble and spiritual example did Moses give us?

1Thess 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. **22** Abstain from all appearance of evil.

14. What attitude should a Christian teen have?

Remembering your Creator

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Eccl 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Youth is a beautiful time of life. Normally, there is good health, energy, there are not so many obligations of work to support yourself, there are no obligations of marriage, children, etc. Someone once said, "What a pity that youth is wasted on young people!"

- 1. According to this verse, what will inevitably happen to everybody?
- 2. What will be our attitude towards the end of our life?

It is common for people to get so involved with that they "lose their bearings", that God their Creator has made them, and He has established them in this life for some purpose. In addition, these normal "things" of life will come to absorb all their interest, time, and energy, and they will totally forget about God. The true God is changed to elements of life (health, money, pleasure, fame, work, etc.) that we worship with spending our entire life on. What is the "God" of your life? What is the thing that affects you most in what and how you do what you do?

BIBLE READING: Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-23.

3. What is the difference between the seed by the side way, the seed on the stony ground, the seed among the thorns, and the seed in the good ground? Which or which ones represent the true saved ones, and why?

Matt 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Mark 4:15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

4. What does "do not understand" mean? How is it that the gospel is stolen from somebody?

Matt 13:20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Matt 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

5. What does "stumble" mean? What is "having root in himself"?

Matt 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

6. How does one stop the thorns that cause this soil / person not to be saved? What is "the care of this world"? What is the deception of riches? What is "the lusts of other things"? Give examples of each one.

Matt 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

7. What is the difference between this good ground and the rest?

Matt 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: <u>for thou savourest not* the things that be</u> of God, but those that be of men.

* "savourest" means to focus your life on.

8. What problem did Peter have that Jesus was rebuking here?

2Pet 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **6** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **8** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins**.

9. Explain each quality that Peter exhorts us to have. Is there a relationship or progress from one to another of these qualities?

Eccl 5:13 There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. 14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. 15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. 16 And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?