The Call of Godly Influence

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INTRODUCTION

- Most of you have known me for a long time. Longer than I've known me.
- It was the providence of God that brought me here. And I love you guys so much.

1 Let No One Despise Your Youth

- There's a call to a godly influence that the youth have.
- I want to make this clear that influence is not based on age, it is about the heart.
- When you're also going to speak the word, you need to live by the word too. Practice what you preach.
- Be an example in purity. Guard your heart and guard your mind. And guard your body against sin.
- The number one thing everyone can do is show God by your actions. Let your light shine.

2 Do Not Neglect the Gift That Is in You

- Remain humble, remain submissive, and remain respectful to the authority that is above you.
- Every believer of God has a gift. Every person has a gift.
- All these gifts that we have, we need to share. All these gifts that we have, we need to bring up the youth.
- It's not that we force what makes us special on them, but we encourage them to find what makes them.

3 Give Attention to Reading, Exhortation, and Doctrine

- You are drinking the milk, but eventually you will get to a point where you are eating the meat. And how do you do that? You read.
- God's word, when you are reading is going to guide you on the path that you need to be in.
- Not every exhortation has to come from this spot, brothers and sisters. Sometimes you can go to your school and talk about Jesus.
- You need to make sure that your doctrine is in the sound state. That what you are saying is according to what you are reading.

4 God Looks at the Heart and Not the Years

1 Samuel 16:7; Genesis 37

- For the Lord does not see as man sees, for a man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.
- David, this young boy, the youngest boy, had no fear. Because he trusted in God.
- This young man that we see is staying convicted. He's staying with God. He is making sure that God is his number one priority.

- King Josiah took the throne when he was eight years old. And by the time he was 16 years old, he revived the godliness in his kingdom.

5 Go Out and Connect

- It strikes the heart when you can feel that somebody gets where you're coming from.
- When you as a young person go up to another young person and say, I understand the troubles that your school gives you.
- Because it gives you that warm wraparound that maybe you want. But you need to grow spiritually.

6 Be Innocent and Pure Like This Child

- You're not entitled to anything just because you're young. You have to grow.
- You need to be willing to follow like this child. You need to be innocent like this child. You need to be pure like this child.
- Be aware of the fact that sin is still out there. That the devil wants you. And he tries to snag you in your youth.
- God has always raised up young people in critical times to help advance his kingdom. The call to the young today is the same.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I invite you to know that there is a solution to all that. You can hear the word, you can believe the word. You can confess your sins. You can repent, and you can be baptized this morning.**

MY NOTES