

Depending On God

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I. Introduction.

- A The Christian life is the best life that there is.
- B. Nothing brings more joy than the life that depends upon God.
- C. Text: Ecclesiastes 12.

II. God created you because He wanted you and loves you. It makes sense that He knows what is best for you.

III. God teaches that a person is to remember Him while he is young.

- A. One needs God for guidance when he is young, because major decisions are made at this time.
- B. There is no promise for tomorrow. (James 4:14)
- C. A person's character is being molded to what it will be for the rest of his life.
 - 1. God takes time to build His children.
 - 2. There is no time to waste.
- D. Our eternal reward depends upon the kind of life a person has when he becomes a Christian.
 - 1. You have a chance to avoid tremendous difficulty if you walk with God early on.
 - 2. God can use you to help people.
 - 3. One can bring great joy to God. (Psalm 43:7)

IV. The day will come when we will die and be judged. (II Thessalonians 1:7, Ecclesiastes 11:9)

- A. A person must have seriousness about following God.
- B. Paul suffered greatly, but he considered those afflictions light because he saw the goal of rewards in eternity. (II Corinthians 11:23, 4:17)
- C. We need to make God our top priority.

Application questions:

- 1. Why is it important to remember God while one is young?

2. What motivates the Christian to do good who already has his salvation secure? Explain.

3. In what area of your life have you failed to make God a priority? What is something practical and provable you do to grow in this area?
