

PRAYING SCRIPTURE FOR A YOUNG MAN

- » *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word. With all my heart I have sought Thee; Do not let me wander from Thy commandments. Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee (Psalm 119:9-11).*

Help him to value Your Word as his most precious possession and to secret it away in his heart. Make him acutely hungry to know Your Word. Build in him commitment to a lifestyle of purity and integrity that is defined and fueled by Your Word.

- » *Likewise, urge the young men to be sensible (Titus 2:6).*

Slow him down from high velocity living and over-booked scheduling. Help him to become thoughtful and purposeful about what he is doing rather than burning out from an endless parade of activities. Help his life to reflect a “well-ordered” approach to following You, an ever expanding circle of focus to his life with You in the center.

- » *You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders (I Peter 5:5).*

Remove from him the natural tendency to write off those older than himself as “out-of-touch.” Give him experiences which help him to value those who can be a wisdom resource for godly living. Cultivate the soil of his heart to be receptive and responsive to words without the necessary reinforcement of painful experiences. Give him the ability to value listening and taking to heart what he receives from seasoned godly men and women.

- » *I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one (I John 2:13-14).*

Help him develop his spiritual muscles. Help him to not simply be a hearer of the word, but one who longs to make the Word the living heart of how he lives. Show him how to use this Word-strength to successfully defy the strategies of the evil one to get him off track. Encourage him to plan for, prepare for, and achieve victory through effective use of the Word internalized. Give him the rush of actually foiling Satan's schemes against him.

- » *Do not remember the sins of my youth (Psalm 25:7).*

Protect him from temptation targeted specifically at him, as a young man. Loose living and resistance to authority have a special draw - open his eyes to their dangers and to the regret found at the end of the path they advertise. Guard him so that he can one day stand in a place where "sins of my youth" draws a blank memory.

- » *For Thou art my hope; O Lord God, Thou art my confidence from my youth. By Thee I have been sustained from my birth (Psalm 71:5-6).*

Protect him from the snare of self-confidence. Help him to learn early on that our own resources are an inadequate basis for boasting. Help him to see that You are the one who has sustained him. Build in him a desperate dependance upon you for all things.