

His Disciples Remembered

Introduction: John 2:17, 22

1. Graduation from High School is an important milestone in one's life.
2. As one enters into a new aspect of life, there will be many opportunities and challenges.
3. Yet, a foundation has been laid and all situations can be met successfully if one remembers...

I. Joseph – Who Remembered Where He Came From

- A. Joseph was 17 years old when he was sold into Egypt (Gen. 37:2).
- B. Yet, he never forgot that he was a descendant of Abraham, a child of Israel (Gen. 39:9).
- C. Joseph accomplished much good for Egypt (Gen. 39:1-6, 21-23; 41:15-16, 25-40, 54-57).
- D. Yet, Joseph did not forget his people (Gen. 42:19, 25; 45:4-11; 47:11-12; 50:24-15).
- E. As we go out into the world, we must not forget where we are from...
 1. Remember the foundation of Truth.
 2. Remember the foundation of family.

II. Daniel – Who Remembered His God

- A. Daniel was likely around 17 or 18 years old when he was taken to Babylon (Dan. 1:3-4).
 1. Separated from home, family, the Temple, even his own name (1:5-7)
 2. Under intense pressure to conform to the world
- B. Yet, Daniel never forgot His God – he purposed in his heart to remain faithful (1:8).
- C. Daniel never forgot to pray to God – even if it meant a den of lions (6:7-10).
- D. When we go out into the world, we must not forget our God.

III. Timothy – Who Remembered His Influence

- A. Timothy was a young man when Paul chose him to travel into the world preaching the Gospel (Acts 16:1-5).
- B. Though he was faced with many tests and temptations, Timothy never forgot the importance of a godly influence.
- C. He remembered the influence of his mother & grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15).
- D. He remembered the influence of Paul (2 Tim. 1:2, 8; 2:2; 3:10-11).
- E. He remembered his own influence for good (1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:15, 22; 4:2, 5).
- F. When we go out into the world, we must not forget to be an influence for good.