

What do the Scriptures Ask of Middle Schoolers?

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Young Men

- Love Jesus and glorify God (Matt 22.37)
- Be students of the Word (2 Timothy 2.15; 1 John 2.14)
- Honor and obey their parents (Ephesians 6.2)
- Be self-controlled (Titus 2.6)
- Be strong (1 John 2.14)

- Treat the opposite sex with honor and dignity, protecting them from anyone or anything that might exploit or abuse them (1 Timothy 5.2)
- Value work and honest labor (Genesis 2.15)
- Walk in purity of mind, heart and body (1 Timothy 4.12; Titus 2.5)
- Desire wisdom and correction (Proverbs 4.8-9)
- Be submissive to and respect those who are older (1 Peter 5.5)

Young Women

- Love Jesus and glorify God (Matt 22.37)
- Be students of the Word (2 Timothy 2.15)
- Honor and obey their parents (Ephesians 6.2)
- Care more about the state of their soul than the appearance of their bodies (1 Timothy 2.9; Proverbs 31.31)
- Be self-controlled (Titus 2.5)
- Walk in purity of mind, heart and body (1 Timothy 4.12; Titus 2.5)
- Not awaken or stir up love until the time is right (Song of Solomon 8.4)
- Desire wisdom and correction (Proverbs 4.8-9)
- Be submissive to and respect those who are older (1 Peter 5.5)
- Be kind in speech and action (Titus 2.5)