



# Kids Column



## Six Questions for Young People

By: David Riggs

- 1. What kind of son or daughter will I be? The world says, "You are only young once, so enjoy it in every way you can." This is easy for most to accept because they want freedom from restraints. However, young people should be obedient to God and to their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3; Proverbs 10:1; 13:1).**
- 2. What kind of character shall I develop? It takes no planting, watering, or cultivating to grow weeds, nor does it take effort to grow worthless character. Careful attention and diligent effort is required for noble character (Ecclesiastes 7:1; 1 Timothy 4:12).**
- 3. Who will I choose as my friends? Good friends promote good morals and vice versa (1 Corinthians 15:33). Avoid the crowd that drinks, dances, uses profanity, and ridicules people who serves God.**
- 4. What will be my occupation? In far too many instances, too much emphasis is placed on money (Matthew 16:26). Furthermore, one must be careful to choose an occupation that is honorable and legitimate. Dishonest gains and get-rich schemes must be avoided (Proverbs 16:8).**
- 5. Who will I marry? If there is ever a place for clear minds and true ideas, it is in marriage. God's laws must be understood, respected, and heeded (Matthew 5:32; 19:9). Marriage is for life (Romans :2-3; 1 Corinthians 7:39). Marry someone who will encourage you in the way of salvation.**
- 6. What will I do with my life? If you have never obeyed the gospel, you should answer, "I will be a Christian" (Luke 9:26). If you are already a Christian, you should answer, "I will be faithful" (Matthew 24:12-13).**



### Bible Questions



In numbers 22:28-30 Balaam was spoken to by one of his animals, what animal was it? Donkey

In Acts:9, a man was struck blind by the Lord, what was his name? Saul of Tarus

### Gods Plan of Salvation

**Hear Romans 10:17,**

**Believe John 8:24,**

**Repent Luke 13:3**

**Confess Romans 10:9-10,**

**Baptism Acts 2:38,**

**Remain Faithful**

**Revelation 2:10**

# Seeking Truth



**Everyone is welcome to attend.**

## Service Times

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**10:00AM**

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**11:00 AM**

**Wednesday Evening Bible**

**Study 6:00 PM**

## Be Careful with Your Words

**By: Greg Gwin**

Solomon wrote, "Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven and you on earth; therefore, let your words be few" (Eccl 5:2). Many need to work harder at applying this instruction. There are really two warnings here. One caution concerns words that are hastily spoken: "Do not be rash with your mouth." How often have we uttered words without giving careful thought? The results can be hurt feelings, damaged relationships, even sin. James said, "let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak . . ." Remember that a word spoken can never be un-spoken. It's an irreversible action, and we may have to live with the re-action! The other warning contained in this statement from wise Solomon is a warning about simply talking too much. "Let your words be few", he says. What a temptation it is to tell everything we know, about every subject under the sun. When we do so, we cause others to "tune us out", even during the rare occasions when we really do have something important to say. Someone has suggested that God gave us two ears and just one mouth - therefore we ought to listen twice as much as we talk. Think about it! Eccl. 5:2 goes on to explain why we must be so cautious with our speech. "God is in heaven and you on earth." Never forget that you have an almighty Creator who is listening to your every word. Be careful (Matthew 12:36,37).

## Camouflage

**By: Greg Gwin**

We are all familiar with camouflage, or 'camo' as we like to call it. We most commonly see it when hunters are preparing to hit the field in search of game. But this special clothing was originally perfected by the military. The main idea, of course, is to blend in with your surroundings so that you are not so easily detected by the enemy. More recently, since our army has been fighting wars in the desert, the patterns have been modified to help hide soldiers in that environment. There are even special camo types for arctic or snowy conditions. This effort to disguise oneself to avoid detection by enemies is a good thing in the armies of men. But a problem arises when soldiers in God's army (2 Timothy 2:3) try to do the same. Remember, 'camo' is designed to make one 'blend in' to the surroundings. But Christian soldiers should make no effort to do so. Unfortunately, many do. We see too many who want to talk, dress, and act like the worldly folks around them. They want to go to the same places and do the same things. In short, they want to hide their real identity and avoid detection as true disciples. Why would a Christian do this? Jesus targeted the problem when He said: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38). Sadly, many are "ashamed" to show their attachment to the cause of Christ. The outcome for them, as Jesus warned, will be eternal loss. May we all develop the unwavering devotion of the apostle Paul, who boldly said: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" (Romans 1:16). May we, like him, be able to say in the end: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).