

# ✘ Youth As Resources ✘

YOUNG YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GIVEN USEFUL ROLES IN THE COMMUNITY.

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Matthew 25:20-27 "Well done good and trustworthy slave..."



- If you were chosen to be the king of the world what would you do first?
- What issues would you want to change?
- If you were in charge of selecting someone to be "king" who would you choose and why?
- Why was everyone so surprised that David was to be the new king?
- What qualities did David possess that would help to make him a good king?
- Why had no one noticed David's qualities before?
- What are all the communities (groups) you belong to?
- Which of these communities give you the most?
- What is it that you give back to these communities?
- In what ways might you be a leader in these communities?
- What qualities do you possess that would be of use or helpful to others?
- How do you command the respect of others when you are young?
- What could you gain by helping out in your community?

### So What?

Pick one of the following that describes your reflection on this discussion. Complete the sentence with your own thoughts.

- I need...
- I hope...
- I learned...
- I will pray...
- I am still wondering...



### Candle Time

Stand in a circle with backs facing the center. A volunteer moves behind one other person and prays for him or her. When finished the first volunteer takes that person's place but now facing to the center with eyes shut. The person prayed for now moves behind another and shares a prayer. Continue until everyone has been prayed for.



### EXPLORE

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise your youth  
Romans 12:4-8 gifts that differ according to the grace given

Proverbs 20:29 The glory of youths is their strength...  
Matthew 18:10 do not despise one of these little ones



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### Discussion Goal

Personal Responsibility is tough, but God can help!

### Background

Each of us has responsibilities. Commitments for doing things and obeying important orders. We are expected to follow through on these promises we've made by doing what we said we would and being accountable for our actions—not blaming others for the responsibilities to which we fail to attend.

Just about everyone fails to follow through on all responsibilities from time to time, and other times, people give us expectations that are not good. Take for example the kid that never listens in class but expects you to hand your notes over everyday. In such situations, we have to use our conscience to discern—or judge—if it is our responsibility and whether the expectation is right or wrong.

When we do not handle responsibilities well and are not faithful to our commitments there are negative consequences. Such consequences affect our relationships with others, causing them to lose their trust in us and give us fewer responsibilities. Responsibilities can be a privilege.

But there is good news: No matter who we are or what irresponsible things we've done, we are forgiven through Jesus Christ who died on a cross for us. This leaves us free to forgive others and to try again to correct of the things we've messed up. We can have more confidence in ourselves through Christ, who helps us discern what's right through God's word in the Bible. Jesus also gives us hope and courage to do our best and shows us that by learning to act responsibly, we will see benefits in our lives. In this way, following God and becoming more responsible become things that are joyful!

### Motivate

A volunteer becomes the *master* while everyone else is a *servant*. Pick an animated playful master. Servants receive different number of talents represented by pieces of gold wrapped chocolate. One servant only gets one. It is the servant's responsibility to take care of the master's talents. The master steps outside of the room. Servants each draw a piece of paper with directions that they try to follow.  
– keep them – eat them – invest them – trade them – divide them – ask for more – steal more

The master reenters and asks each to give an account of what he/she did with the talents.  
–Am I happy with this servant? –Did he or she act responsibly? –Would you trust this person with more?

Together read Matthew 25:20-27.

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