

Satilla Baptist Church
“Baccalaureate Service 2012”
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AM Service
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Milestone in your life. Important time. Leaving some things behind but looking forward to new things ahead.

II. ENJOY YOUR YOUTH (11:9A)

- a. Youth is a time like no other.
 - i. Physical Strength (energy)
 - ii. Mental Alertness
 - iii. Cheerful Heart
 - iv. Impulsive
 - v. As you see to be best. (Have new ideas and ways of doing things)

III. BUT DON'T GO CRAZY (11:9B-10)

- a. There is nothing sinful or wrong about having a good time. But sometimes in youth we tend to cast aside the instructions God gives us for life and Solomon reminds us here that youth is not a license to sin. We will be held accountable before God for our actions whether we are youth or adults.
- b. Put away vexation from your heart
- c. Put away evil from your flesh.
 - i. Sins of Youth in Proverbs 31:1-10 (see notes)
 - 1. Stubbornness
 - 2. Sexual Sin
 - 3. Substance Abuse
 - 4. Silence in the Face of Evil
 - 5. Selfishness
 - 6. Shameful Associations

IV. GIVE OF YOUR BEST TO GOD (12:1-7)

- a. Remember
 - i. To bring to mind, to regard in activities, to allow something to affect your decisions
- b. Your Creator
 - i. God, the one to whom we owe our life to.
 - 1. *28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being Acts 17:28 (KJV)*
- c. In the Days of your Youth
 - i. Example of flowers.
 - ii. Give of your Best to the Master

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- d. Darker Days are coming.
 - i. Old Age
 - ii. Physical, Mental, and Emotional Decline

V. **CONCLUSION**

- a. What will you give God? Your Best or the leftovers?