

## **Not Too Young**

### **Ready:**

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." - 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

### **Set**

"Not Too Young." It's the theme we pull from this verse in 1 Timothy in which Paul speaks to young Timothy. Do you know that it is a lie we sometimes buy into that we are too young to make a difference? But we need to realize that many young people in the Bible did amazing things for God. Little David defeated Goliath. King Josiah, at the age of 7, made a difference in Israel. And don't forget about the young boy who had two fish and five loaves.

The young man with the fish and bread in particular gives an interesting example. This boy who had very little made a huge impact when he gave what he had to Jesus. He didn't have much, but Jesus took what he had and fed 5,000 people with it!

Think about your own life. What do you have that you could give Jesus? Are you really good at sports? Are you good in school? What about if you're a good friend to someone or if you're good at cheering people up when they're sad. If you give these gifts to Jesus, according to Paul, it is an offering that Jesus can bless. He will multiply it and use it no matter how old OR young you are.

Next time you feel like your age makes a difference in your ability to make an impact for Christ, search the Word of God for examples of folks your age who made a difference. To the young athletes reading this, don't forget that some of the young men and women of the Bible were heroes in God's eyes. You are not too young to change the world if you offer what you have to the Lord!

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**Go** 1. What is something you could offer to God even if it seems small? 2. How can you set an example for those around you? 3. When someone looks down on you because you are young, how should you respond?

**Workout** Matthew 24:14-30 Colossians 3:23

**Bible Reference:**

1 Timothy 4



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