THOUGHTS AND TRAITS FOR EFFECTIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP (EYL)

BIBLE PRINCIPLES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY EMPOWERMENT

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B. Body
   - Bible Resources (12 Traits)

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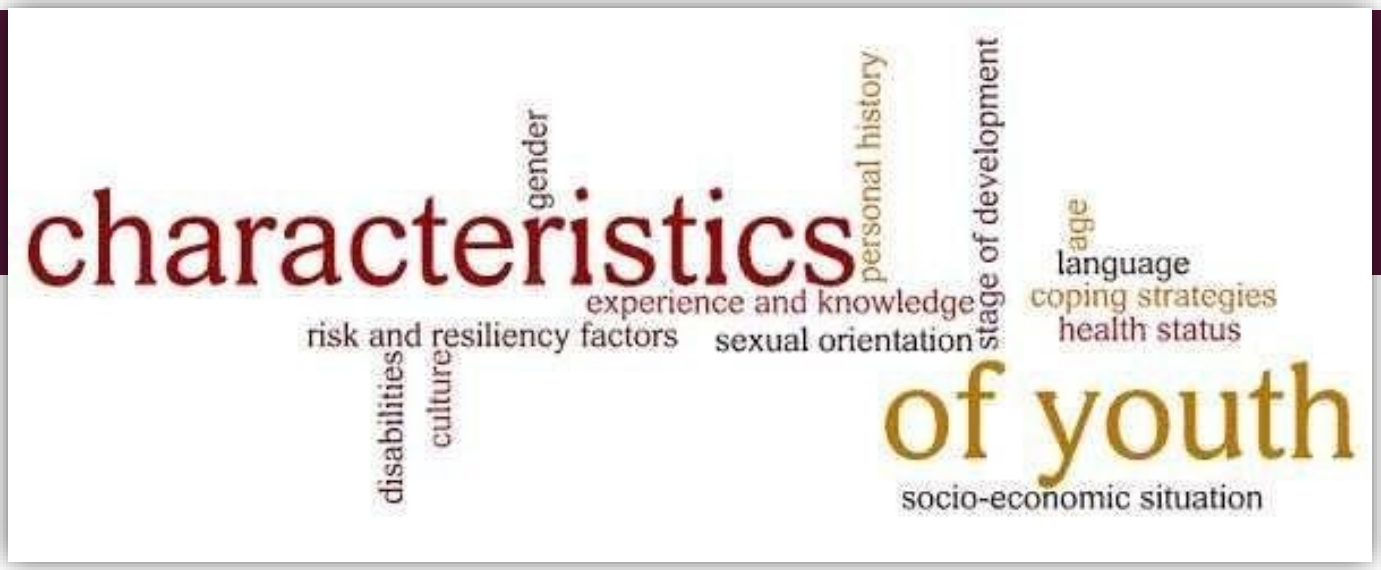
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Every life has a beginning, middle, and an end, and how one has lived one's life should be of great interest to those who are still at the beginning.



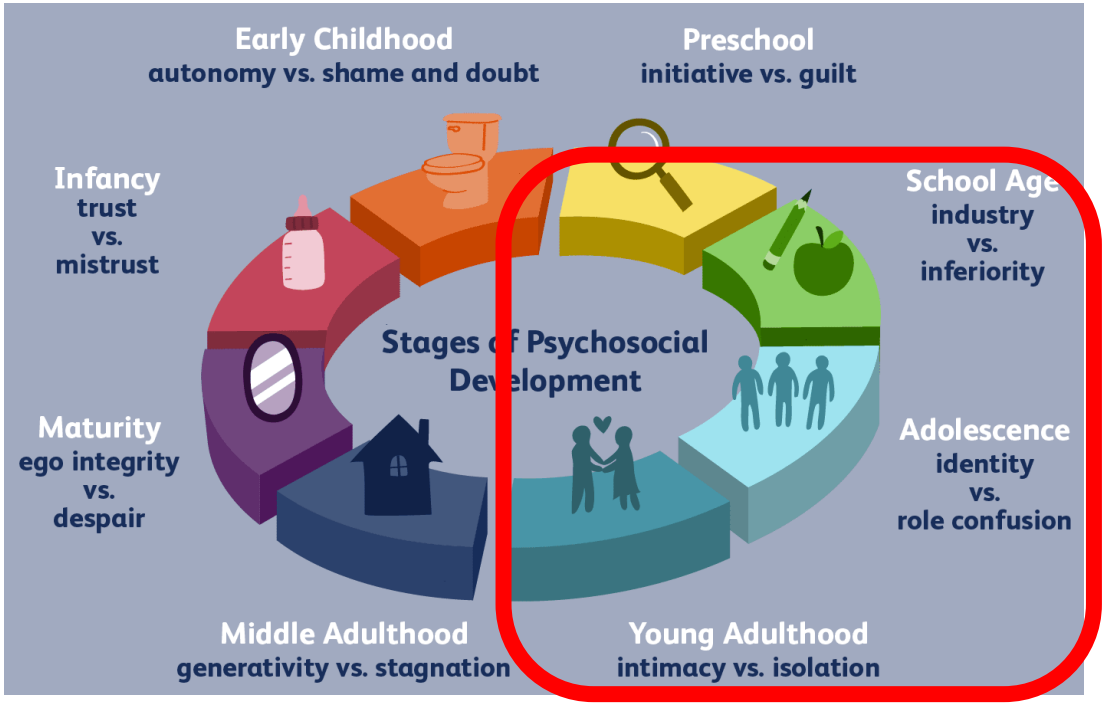


Youth Leaders



LIFE PASSAGES

1. Prenatal stage
2. Infant Stage (birth-2 years)
3. Early Childhood (3-5 years)
4. Middle Childhood (6-12 years)
5. Adolescence (13-18 years)
6. Early Adulthood (19-29 years)
7. Middle Adulthood (30-65 years)
8. Late Adulthood (66-above)



SOLOMON ON LIFE'S PIVOTAL PORTALS

ECCLESIASTES 12:1

Sowing (Choices/Practices): 1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":

Reaping (Beginning/Adult): 2 While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain;

Reaping (Advanced/Adult): 3 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, And those that look through the windows grow dim; 4 When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low.

Reaping (Concluding/Adult): 5 Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets.



Payback: Reaping (Youth) and Sowing (Adult).

When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is: fear God and keep His commands, because this is for all humanity. For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 HCSB

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BIBLE BIOGRAPHIES — "GREATER VALUE"

ELLEN G. WHITE, EDUCATION, PAGE 146

"As an educator no part of the Bible is of greater value than are its biographies. These biographies differ from all others in that they are absolutely true to life. It is impossible for any finite mind to interpret rightly, in all things, the workings of another.

"None but He who reads the heart, who discerns the secret springs of motive and action, can with absolute truth delineate character, or give a faithful picture of a human life. In God's word alone is found such delineation.

"No truth does the Bible more clearly teach than that *what we do is the result of what we are*. To a great degree the experiences of life are the fruition of our own thoughts and deeds."

Biographies engage & inspire.

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THREE DIMENSIONS OF LIFE FOR YOUTHFUL REFLECTION

I. PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

II. PRACTICE OF LIFE

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1. Boldness—Noah



Tackle something big/bold for Jesus and His people.

1. NOAH: TAKE ON A BIG PROJECT

EYL LEADERS DO WHAT'S RIGHT EVEN IF THEY ARE ALONE.

- **Challenge:** Genesis 6, wickedness everywhere; God decides to start again with a beginning core group.
- **Agent:** Noah is willing to commit, follow righteousness with boldness of planning and purpose.
- **Assignment:** God tells him to build an ark that will save him, his family, and animal life: "for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time."
- **Outlier:** Literally, the whole world was doing what was wrong but Noah did what was right. EYL are willing to step out and do the right thing.

2. Courage—Abraham



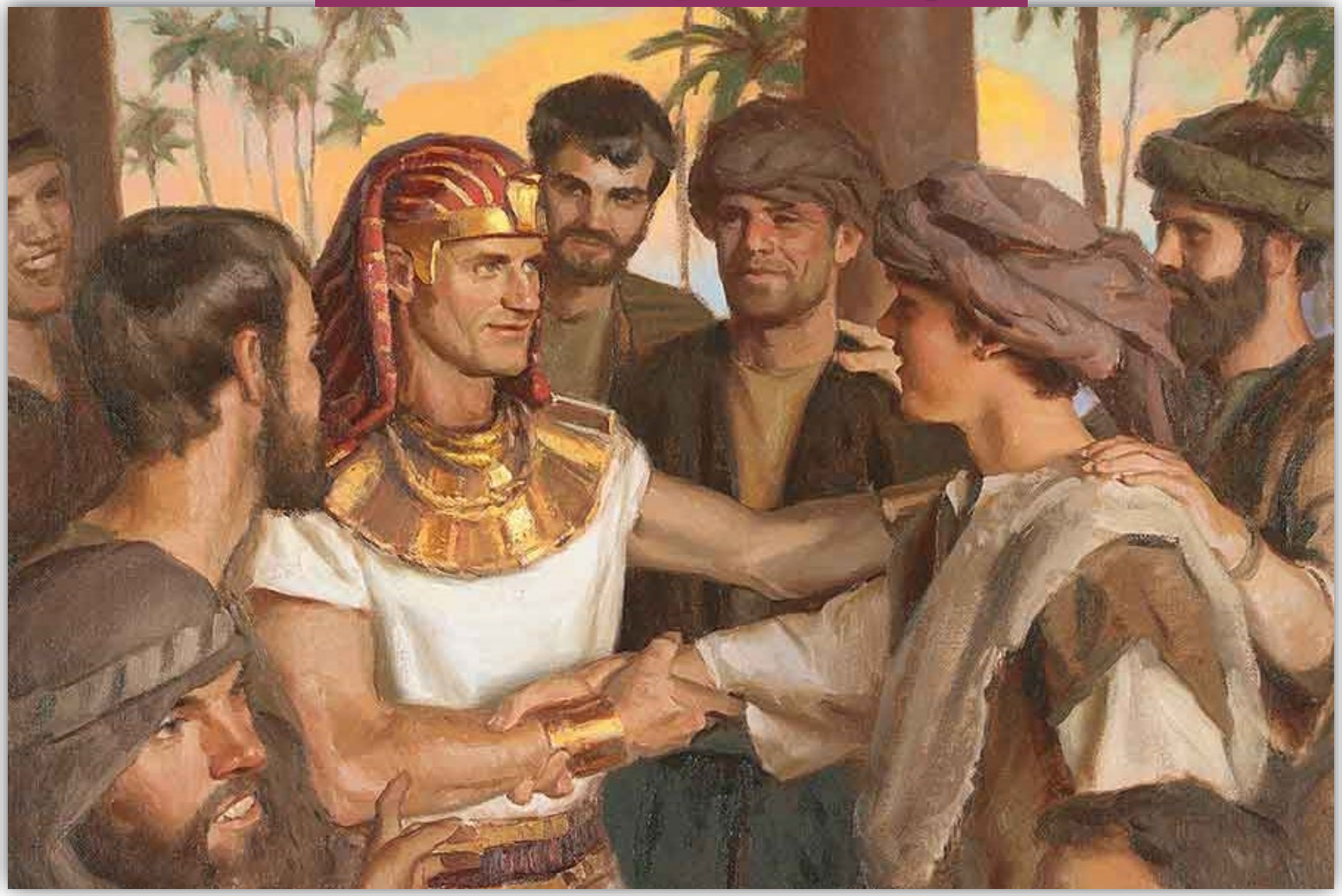
Break out of box and risk for a noble cause.

2. ABRAHAM: BE WILLING TO TAKE A RISK

EYL LEADERS ARE WILLING TO ENTER THE UNKNOWN FOR A DIVINE CAUSE.

- **Challenge:** God to Abraham, Genesis 12, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you."
- **Agent:** Abraham is to leave his comfort zone and march onward into uncertainty.
- **Assignment:** As leaders its hard to take risk when we don't know what is going to happen in the future.
- **Outlier:** EYLs are okay with not knowing the future, because they know truth—promised end awaits them.

3. Integrity—Joseph



Make a covenant with excellence and stick to it.

3. JOSEPH: KEEP THE NORTH STAR IN VIEW

EYL ENDURES TRAILS BUT ALWAYS BOUNCES BACK FROM TOUGH SITUATIONS.

- **Challenge:** God needs a person to facilitate a solution to provide relief for a future famine.
- **Agent:** Joseph cooperates with God to do the job; his fascinating story is told in Genesis 37-50.
- **Assignment:** Remain true though sold by brothers, father lied to, became a slave, framed by his boss's wife, thrown into prison and apparently forgotten.
- **Outlier:** Through KABS/EI Joseph became leader of all Egypt–2nd to Pharaoh. When there is a famine, by preparation he saves the nation and his family.

4. Confidence—Moses



If you want to be a leader, be one in every way.

4. MOSES: BE CONFIDENT, KEEP LOVING

EYL ASSERTIVELY STAND UP, STICK UP FOR THE PEOPLE THEY LOVE AND LEAD.

- **Challenge:** God needs a rescuer to lead His people out of Egypt and the leaders should know about the Hebrews and Egyptians, Exodus 3.
- **Agent:** Moses is chosen and commits; though he gives excuses and it takes a lot to convince him, Exodus 3. He finally overcame a crisis of confidence.
- **Assignment:** With confidence Moses boldly approaches Pharaoh and powerfully says: "Let my people go!"
- **Outlier:** Though people were slaves in Egypt, Moses led them to freedom; he led out in spite of deficiencies.

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5. Example—Joshua



Whatever you want your followers to do, do it first.

5. JOSHUA: FIND YOUR OWN STRIDE
EYL RULE BY EXAMPLE RATHER THAN BY JUST BOSSING PEOPLE AROUND.

- **Challenge:** God/people needed a Moses successor to lead after Moses's death, Joshua 24.
- **Agent:** Joshua is selected to follow leader Moses; he accepts the responsibility with some trepidation.
- **Assignment:** To lead people into Promise Land; he offers options, either A) serve God who brought them out of Egypt to the land, or B) serve false foreign gods.
- **Outlier:** Joshua was clear: "as for me and my house, "we will serve the Lord"; the people pledged allegiance to God because of Joshua's example.

6. Initiative—David



Win battles in the names of Jesus.

6. DAVID: PICK GIANTS WORTH BEATING

EYL FIND THE GIANTS STOPPING PROGRESS AND OVERCOME THEM.

- **Challenge:** God needs a hero who is willing to perform courageous action immediately, 1 Samuel 17.
- **Agent:** Israelites being defeated by10-foot Goliath. David happens on scene, volunteers to fight giant.
- **Assignment:** Kill the giant, free God's people. David says, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord."
- **Outlier:** He slings a stone, knocks giant to ground, kills him. This proves to EYL you can face challenges when you believe right and stand strong.

7. Aspiration—Elijah and Elisha

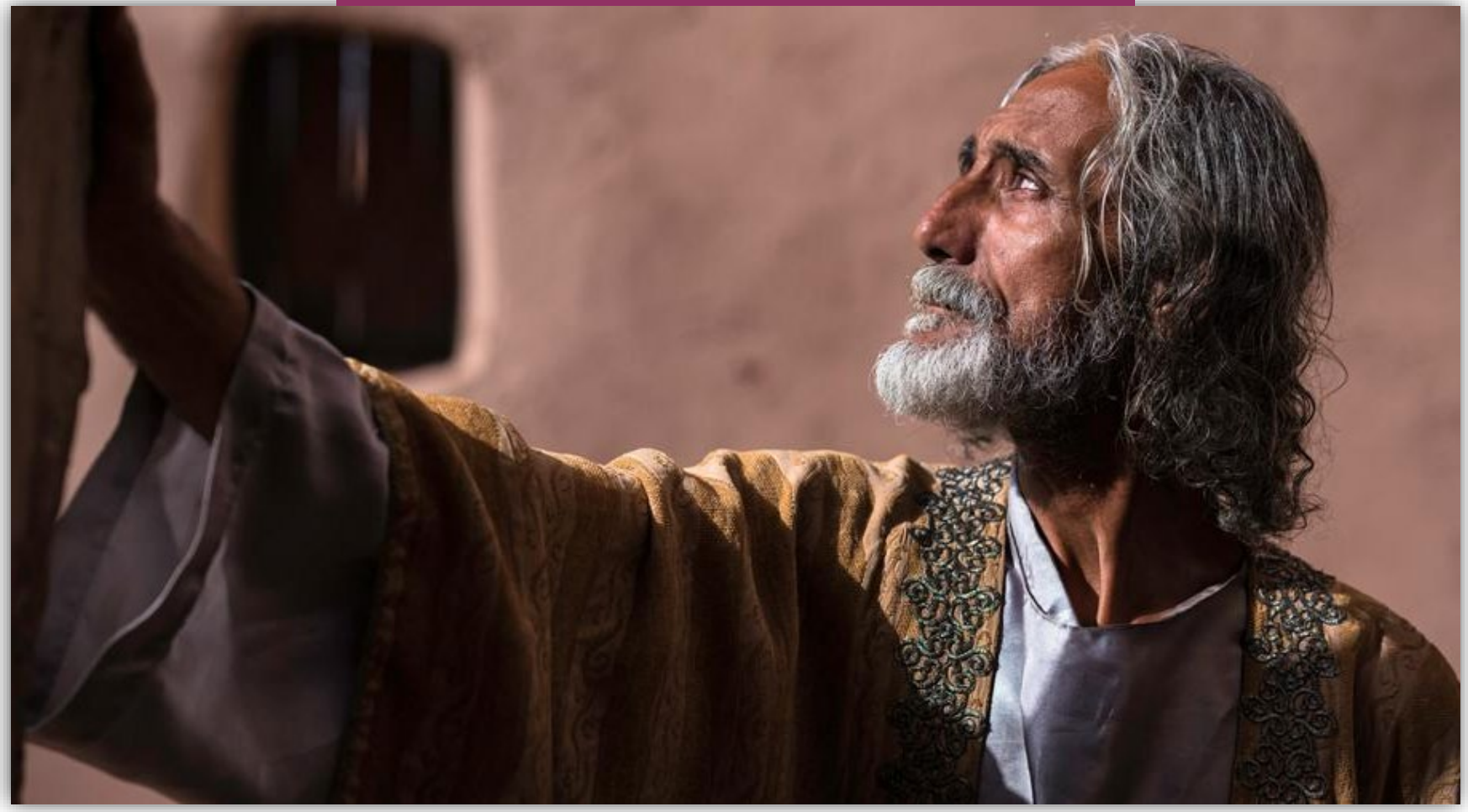


Always plan to train and develop people to serve.

7. ELIJAH & ELISHA: PARTNERSHIP, SUCCESSION
EYL WILL UNSELFISHLY INVEST IN THE FUTURE BY DEVELOPING THE YOUTH OF TODAY.

- **Challenge:** 1 Kings 19:19, Elijah needed a partner and successor and on to continue the legacy.
- **Agent:** Elijah (mentor) patiently trained Elisha (mentee).
- **Assignment:** "So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him…. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak (mantle) upon him (19:19).
- **Outlier:** Elijah's stellar ministry power was doubled in by Elisha's ministry (2 Kings 2). EYLs and successors are willing to train and develop for leadership legacy.

8. Persistence—Daniel



Learn leadership lessons of survival, persist in them.

8. DANIEL: DISCOVER RIGHT, KEEP DOING IT

EYL DEVELOP GOOD IDEAS, THOUGHTS, HABITS, PRACTICES CONSISTENTLY KEEPING THEM.

- **Challenge:** God needed a representative among slaves to witness to the foreign hostile power.
- **Agent:** Daniel (1-6) steps forth and becomes a star witness and a highly admired government official.
- **Challenge:** Professional colleagues work against him, seek to destroy him via attack his religious practices.
- **Outlier:** Daniel is faithful, refuses to compromise (i.e., diet, courage, witness, lifestyle); passes tests, becomes great in word, influence, legacy: EYL stay strong in what they believe, no matter the cost.

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9. Individuality—John the Baptist



By all means, know yourself and be yourself.

9. JOHN-BAPTIST: FIND YOUR STYLE, DO IT

EYL AREN'T AFRAID TO BE WHO THEY ARE AND THEN THEY CALL IT AS IT IS.

- **Challenge:** Someone is strategically needed to announce the first coming of Jesus, Matthew 3.
- **Agent:** John the Baptist is chosen, educated, trained.
- **Assignment:** He was to preach, teach, baptize in preparation for coming of Jesus and to suffer for Jesus.
- **Outlier:** John successfully accomplishes his task but meets incredible obstacles, opposition from the leading religious leaders and public officials. Yet he stays strong. EYLs are individuals and stay honest and truthful also.

10. Radicalness—Jesus Christ



As a Servant Leader be radical in providing service.

10. JESUS: FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

EYL ARE UNASHAMED TO BE HUMBLE AND THEY CONSISTENT SERVE OTHERS.

- **Challenger:** One of the most difficult task of leaders is to be radically humble and self-serving to others.
- **Agent:** Jesus demonstrated this trait in His life, habits.
- **Assignment:** Jesus radically demonstrated the humility impact when He washed the disciples' feet in John 13.
- **Outlier:** He said, "You call me teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." EYL focuses on serving and helping those who follow them.

11. Humility—Peter



Failures happen but faith gets forgiven and gets up.

11. PETER: ADMIT FAILURE, LEARN, ADVANCE

EYL ADMIT THEIR FAILURES, CLAIMED FORGIVENESS AND RECOVER FROM THEM AND MOVE FORWARD

- **Challenge:** Models of fortitude needed going to Calvary.
- **Agent:** Peter denied knowing Jesus three times prior to Him being crucified (Matthew 26:69-75).
- **Assignment:** Demonstrate how to make it right after you have done wrong and then come back strong.
- **Outlier:** Acts 2, Peter delivers first sermon after to a crowd of thousands of people, some before he had denied Jesus to few day earlier. EYLs don't stay down or discouraged when they fail; they get up, learn from mistakes, continue on and do better.

12. Passion—Paul



The Apostle Paul was a model of power and passion.

12. **PAUL: FIND YOUR NICHE AND FILL IT**
EYL ARE PASSIONATE AND PERSISTENT ABOUT THEIR BELIEFS AND FOLLOW THEM

- **Challenge:** Acquiring a dynamic God sent messenger to minister to the Gentiles in far away places.
- **Agent:** Saul to Paul was that person. From a persecutor of hate he became a preacher of love and Gospel.
- **Assignment:** After Jesus appears to Paul, Acts 9, he becomes enthusiastic about the truth of Christianity.
- **Outlier:** Paul travels across known world, spreading the Gospel, establishing churches everywhere he went. EYL care about people, are driven by a sense of purpose.

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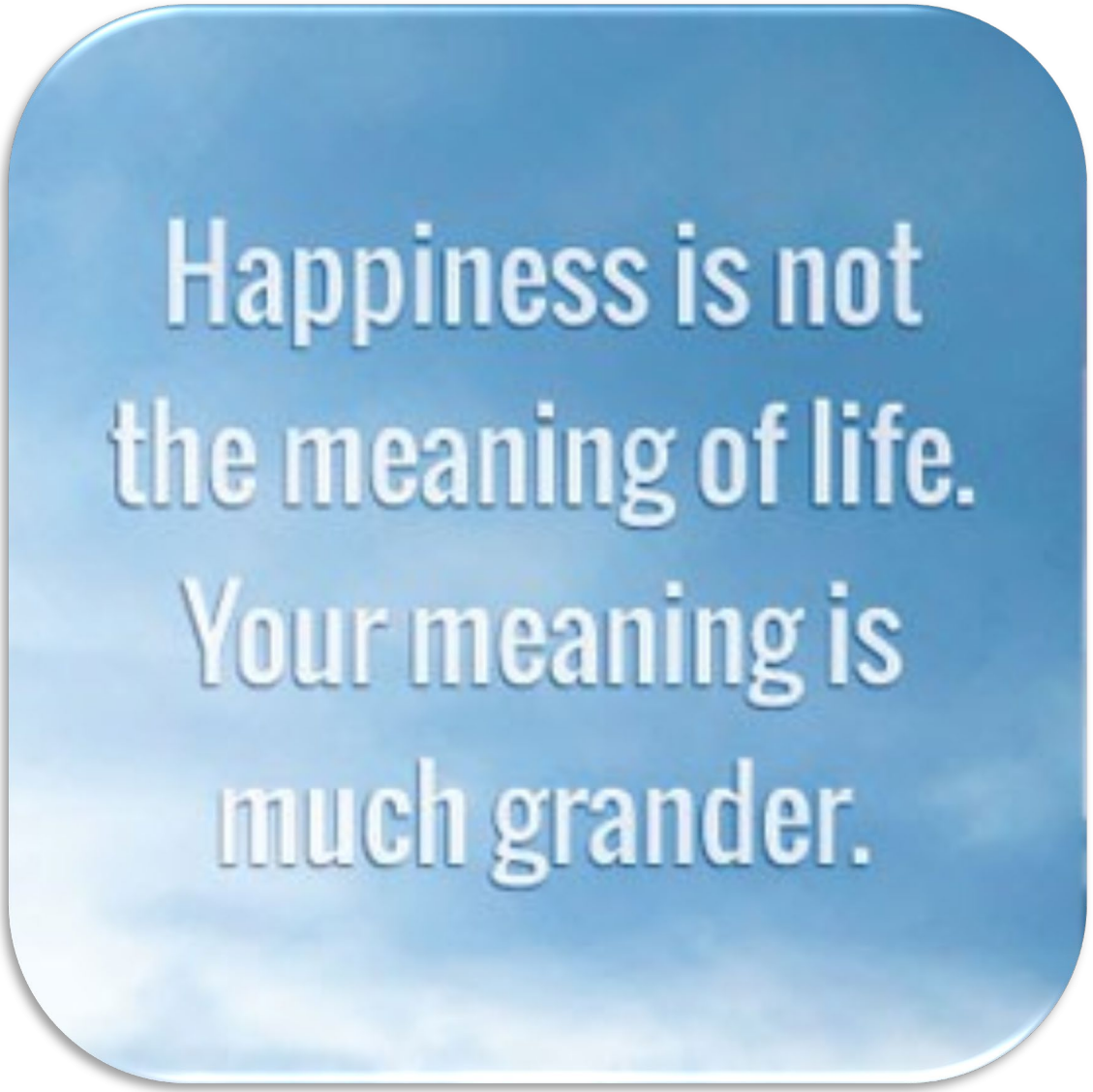
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Happiness is not
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Your meaning is
much grander.


The
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Of
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OPTION E


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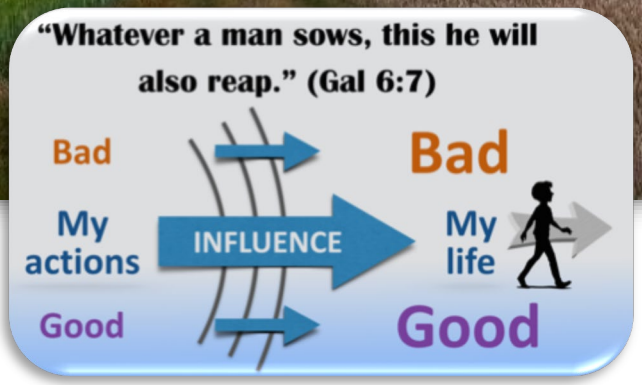
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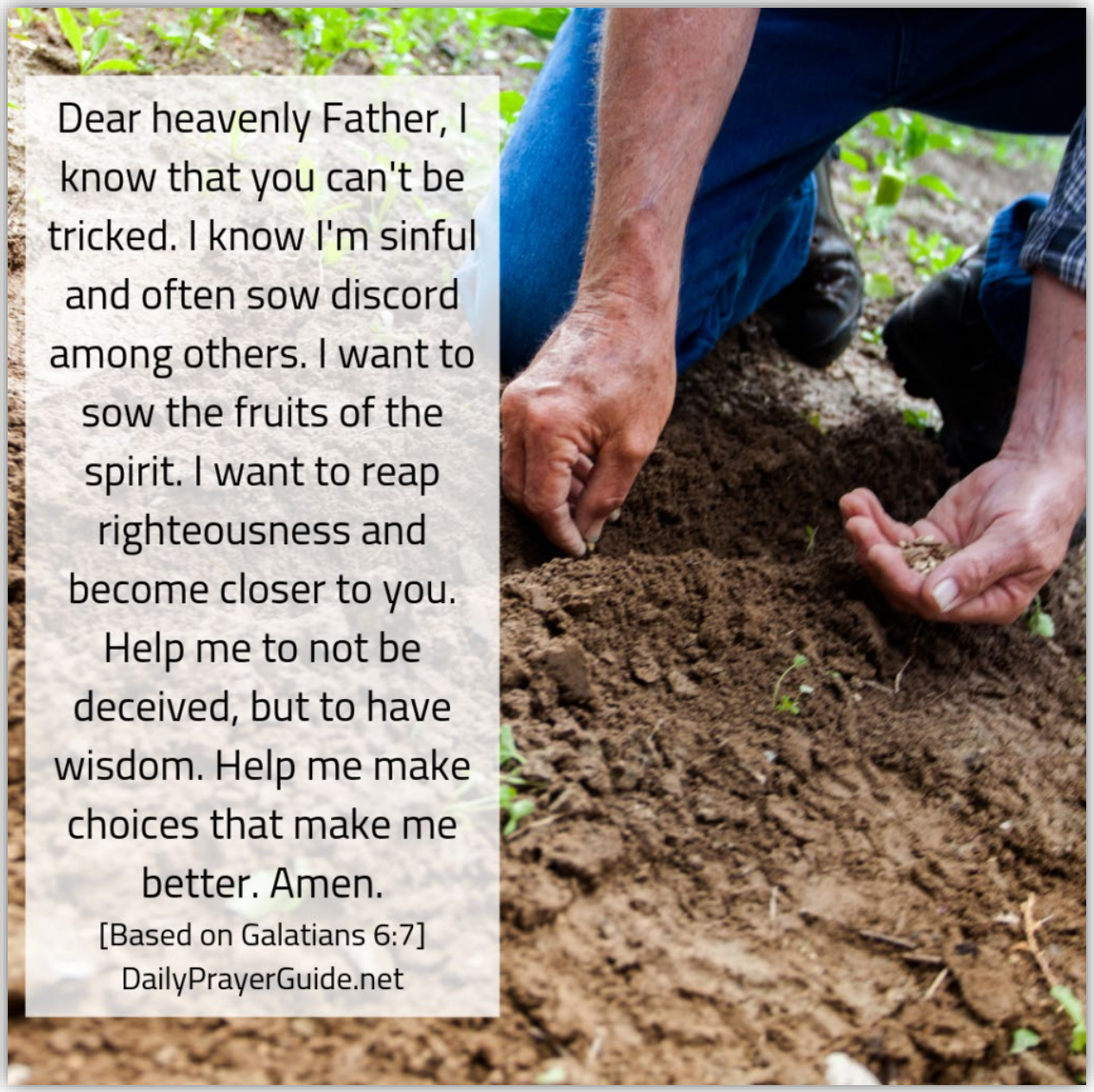
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2. Abraham……...Courage
3. Joseph……Integrity
4. Moses……Confidence
5. Joshua……Example
6. David……..Initiative
7. Elijah/Elisha……..Aspiration
8. Daniel……Persistence
9. John the Baptist……Endurance
10. Jesus……....Radicalness
11. Peter……Humility
12. Apostle Paul……..Passion

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit will reap eternal life."

- Galatians 6:7-8 -




Dear heavenly Father, I know that you can't be tricked. I know I'm sinful and often sow discord among others. I want to sow the fruits of the spirit. I want to reap righteousness and become closer to you. Help me to not be deceived, but to have wisdom. Help me make choices that make me better. Amen.
[Based on Galatians 6:7]
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