

As We Move On

“Facing Life’s Changes & Challenges”

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

- Introduction:
1. This past week, nine young people in our congregation underwent a very important rite of passage in our society – Graduation.
 2. Those of us who are older can remember the feelings these young people must be having right now.
 3. It is a time of many mixed emotions.
 4. As these young people open their sails to the wind, and for those of us who have already embarked on this journey, here is some advice that will help us arrive at our destination.

I. Remember Who You Are

- A. You don’t represent just yourself; you represent your family, your church, and your God.
- B. (Romans 2:24).
- C. (Proverbs 23:25).
- D. (Ephesians 4:30).

II. Live Up To Your Expectations

- A. Don’t use your youth as an excuse not to serve God with all your strength.
- B. (1 Timothy 4:12).
- C. (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:14-27).
- D. Demas or John Mark?

III. Set & Keep Your Priorities Straight

- A. (Colossians 3:1-2).
- B. (Matthew 6:33).
- C. Don’t allow your pursuit of wealth, pleasure, power, wisdom, or notoriety overshadow your pursuit of holiness and Heaven.
- D. (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13).

- Conclusion:
1. In all probability, the future will hold many surprises for you; some for the better, some for the worse.
 2. Whether life comes easy or difficult for you is yet to be determined.
 3. That, to a great degree is out of your control.
 4. However, the quality of your eternal life is entirely within your choice and power – choose wisely.