

Thoughts for the Next Generation of Leaders

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Why should we exhort the next generation of Free Will Baptist leaders?

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We should exhort them because . . .

- Few Seem to Have Any Religion
- Death and Judgment are Before the Young and They Nearly All Seem to Forget It
- Who They are Now is Who They Will Be
- Satan Preys on the Young
- The Pain it Will Save Them in the Future

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What dangers should we warn the next generation of Free Will Baptist leaders about?

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Warning #1:
Pride

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Warning #2:
The Love of Pleasure

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Warning #3:
**Thoughtlessness &
Inconsideration**

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Warning #4:
Contempt of Religion

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Warning #5:
**The Fear of
Man's Opinion**

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5 Warnings:

- **Pride**
- **The Love of Pleasure**
- **Thoughtlessness & Inconsideration**
- **Contempt of Religion**
- **The Fear of Man's Opinion**

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What pieces of advice should we give the next generations of Free Will Baptist leaders?

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**Piece of Advice #1:
To Get a Clear View of
the Evil of Sin**

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**Piece of Advice #2:
To Seek to Become
Acquainted with Jesus**

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**Piece of Advice #3:
To Never Forget that
Nothing is Important
as Their Soul**

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**Piece of Advice #4:
You Can Be Young
& Serve God**

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**Piece of Advice #5:
As Long As They Live,
Make the Bible
Their Guide**

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**Piece of Advice #6:
Never Make an
Intimate Friend of
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What should the next generation of Free Will Baptist leaders resolve to do?

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They should resolve to . . .

- Break Every Known Sin, No Matter How Small
- Shun Everything, Which May Prove an Occasion for Sin
- Never Forget the Eye of God
- Be Diligent in the Use of All Public Means of Grace
- PRAY

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“Go then, [next generation of leaders], and resolve this day to remember your Creator in the days of your youth. Before the day of grace is past, before your conscience has become hardened by age and deadened by repeated trampling under foot, while you have strength, and time, and opportunities, go and join yourself to the Lord in an everlasting covenant not to be forgotten. The Spirit will not always strive. The voice of conscience will become feebler and fainter every year you continue to resist it.”

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