# 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Ambassadors Lesson 23



# Preparing for Your Future

f you were given an assignment to be ready in one month to play in a sport that you knew nothing about and had never played before, what would you do? Would you spend the month learning and practicing in order to be ready?

Well, this lesson is designed to help you think about preparing yourself right now to live as a godly adult – a godly husband, wife, parent, employer, employee, church leader, etc.... In other words, prepare for a lifetime of service to the Lord.

Most of you are between the ages of 11 and 13. For you to prepare properly for a lifetime of service to the Lord it requires that you listen, watch others, ask questions, seek counsel for problems, practice good habits and learn from wise people (Psalm 144:12)

This lesson is different from the others. You will spend most of your time answering survey type questions. Below there are some discussion questions for you to go over with your mentor. Our desire is that you will have a vision for how God will use you as an adult, even though you don't know exactly what you will be doing. That means God wants to use you right now in your preparation.

Answer every question with honesty and clarity. If you have any questions, ask your mentor or another adult to help you.

#### **Questions to discuss with your Mentor**

- 1. What things should I now be learning and doing to prepare to be a godly husband or wife?
- 2. What things should I now be learning and doing to prepare to be a godly parent?
- 3. How can I prepare to be a faithful church member? How can participation in team sports or school clubs help in this?
- 4. What is the danger in wasting time each day?
- 5. What is the danger in being lazy? (Prov. 24:30-34)
- 6. Do you think that I can be better and what will it take?

# **Ambassadors** Year 2 Lesson 23 Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: https://forms.gle/MZKbdhbTSMmUA3Zk9

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links on the website in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name:

Proverbs 20:11 states "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it is right." How should you be preparing for your future responsibilities and positions in life? Look up each verse and match the reference to the things that you should be doing every day of your life.				
	a) Psalm 119:11 b) Deut. 6:5 c) Prov. 11:14	d) James 1:19 e) 2 Tim. 2:15 f) Phil. 2:12	g) Psalm 100:2 h) 1 Cor. 11:1 i) Eph. 5:15-17	
1	I should study the Word of God so that I know what it says, can use it with others, and will not be ashamed because of ignorance.			
2	I should now serve the Lord with gladness!			
3	I should be memorizing Bible verses to help with future temptations.			
4	I should seek to find good examples to follow – those men and women who are following Jesus Christ (alive or in history).			
5	I should be diligent in doing my part to build a close, loving relationship with the Lord.			
6	I should be willing to listen to others to learn more.			
7	I should not waste time with worthless activities, thoughts, or learning – things that do not help to prepare me for serving the Lord.			
8	With a sense of fear and trembling, I should make sure that I am doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong so that I prepare in the right way.			
9	I should seek counsel from Godly adults.			

### **Preparing for Your Future**

Have you ever encouraged someone about their future? Read each statement and decide whether preparation for future is being <u>"encouraged"</u> or <u>"discouraged."</u> Write <u>encourage</u> or <u>discourage</u> in the blanks below.

1	"Mr. G is my hero because he is such a Godly man!
2	"Let's study the Bible together each week."
3	"Isn't it great to be able to serve the Lord?"
4	"Let's watch a movie."
5	"Let's memorize a verse each day this summer."
6	"She's fine! You should try to get with that."
7	"Which movie star is your hero?"
8	"Let's skip school and go hang out."
9	"I don't like to memorize scripture – it's too hard."
10	" Man, why you always reading?"
11	"Why you trying to talk all proper?"
12	"No, I can't join you – it's not right."
13	"I want to stay home and help my folks today."
14	"We can pray some other time."
15	"So, everybody is going to the party, especially him."
16	"I want to go with ya'll but I got homework to do."
17	"Let's go ask Dad or Mom about that question."
18	"I don't want to hear anything about what homosexuals do."
19	"Take this, and smoke it slow. You will feel good."
20.	"Don't talk to her, she makes me sick!"

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What definite things are you doing to prepare to become a Godly adult? Place a check in front of those things that are true for your life right now.

1 I refuse to watch things that would cause me to learn about the lifestyle of unsaved people. (Psalm 106:35, 36)
2 I refuse to listen to others who might teach me wrong information about sex.
3 I read and study the Word of God on my own every day.
4 I serve the Lord with gladness. (Psalm 100:2)
5 I have only Godly heroes that I look up to and use as examples for my life.
6 I am not a time waster. I seek to keep busy doing things that will help me spiritually, mentally, culturally or physically, for the cause of Jesus Christ.
7 I am afraid to do wrong before the Lord (Colossians 3:22-25)
8 I seek counsel often from my parents, grandparents, or other godly adults when I have questions about growing up or about becoming a godly adult.
9 I do not watch movies or programs that would cause me to learn about the details of sins and tempt me to do wrong.
<ol> <li>I keep my interest and excitement for things or activities in control so that Jesus Christ is always most important to me.</li> </ol>
11 I begin to do what I learn from God's Word.
12 On my own Lam diligent in memorizing verses that I will need in my life