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Books of Poetry

"Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants, And our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace; Let our garners be full, furnishing every kind of produce, And our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; Let our cattle bear, without mishap and without loss, let there be no outcry in our streets! How blessed are the people who are so situated; how blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!" Psalm 144:12 - 15 NASB

We are called to be different! Our sons and daughters are called to be different as well. Christian young men are called to be fruitful at a young age "like plants grown up in their youth." Christian young ladies are called to be an example of graceful strength and beauty, "like cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

Modern wisdom – so called – often allows young people to coast along, never being challenged and certainly never living up, or measuring up, to their potential. Champions rarely just happen. Parents must purpose and discipline themselves if they are to call their sons and daughters to the high calling of God in Christ! "And Jesus, *at the age of twelve*, increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." (Luke 2:52). This time spent in faithful prayer and insightful discipline will produce a lasting heritage of living faith that will continue to impact generation after generation.

If you're a parent, raise your expectations! Invest in your children; demand the highest of standards – love them consistently and passionately. If you're a son or daughter, aim to be fruitful in all your ways – honoring both God and your parents by doing your best!

"Lord, I want to be different. I wish to impact my generation for You. In Jesus' name! Amen!"

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