

ness. To be eminently successful in life a more serious demeanor and thoughtful behavior is necessary than even that becoming old age.

Again, *youth* is a period specially marked by God to receive His honors. It is particularly adapted to His purpose in developing human history. By selecting His agents from the young and not from the old, through their instrumentality He has made history. The men who have made those impressions on human history that will never die have all been men chosen by God while yet in their youth.

There was Moses and Samuel, and David and Jeremiah, and John the Baptist, and that disciple whom Jesus loved. Every one of them marked by God, in youth, for their especial work; and our blessed Lord Himself was only thirty-three when He accomplished the greatest work ever recorded, the redemption of a ruined race from the curse of sin. God especially blesses the efforts of *youth* and signally honors those who learn early to serve Him and do the right.

O solemn, O proud, O privileged youth, grand in experience, grand in reality, grand in life, grand in death; immortal even in ruins. In infancy and childhood death mows down the tender blade almost unfelt. In old age death has an easy task. The worn out frame easily succumbs to death. The infebled cords that bind to life snap without a strain. Old age lies down in peaceful submission to their lot, the days of the years of their life fully accomplished. But when death attacks youth both have a different task. In youth it is often a long, slow, wasting process. At first youth defies, then struggles, then refuses, and only when the whole physical is emaciated and prostrated with disease and all hope for recovery gone, will youth yield and give in.

Death enters first by some unguarded avenue. It may be a cold, or a fever, or a weak lung, but it gets a hold, and then begins a struggle with mortality, all, but too many for the young victim.

Youth with all its strength and vigor wards off the fell destroyer of human flesh until it realizes it must yield; even then it often matters not how well prepared for the great change it is a hard struggle in the prime of life to give up the seen and temporal for the unseen and eternal. Inspired as youth generally is to participate in life's battles and achieve something we need not wonder that it is hard to die.

God our maker has implanted in us a desire to live and achieve, which often no amount of reverse or disappointment will overcome.

With all these endowments and their possibilities of success why God should in the midst of all call anyone away in youth can only be answered by God. We must bow in submission to His will, believing that what we know not now we shall know hereafter.

Soon any one of us may be called upon to answer before the judgment seat of Christ, how old we are, not reckoned up by a standard