

Xxviii. to Patrick Carsen

by Samuel Rutherford

Samuel Rutherford urges the youth to dedicate their lives to Christ, emphasizing the fleeting nature of life and the eternal value of a good conscience.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:1

Topics: "Youth Ministry", "Eternal Consequences"

Description

Samuel Rutherford urges the listener to surrender their youth and love to Christ, emphasizing the importance of seeking the Lord while in the prime of life. He warns of the fleeting nature of earthly pleasures and the certainty of death, highlighting the eternal consequences of our choices. Rutherford encourages dedicating one's soul and body to God's service, stressing the value of a good conscience and the favor of the Lord over worldly glory.

Transcript

DEAR AND LOVING FRIEND, -- I cannot but, upon the opportunity of a bearer, exhort you to resign the love of your youth to Christ; and in this day, while your sun is high and your youth serveth you, to seek the Lord and His face. For there is nothing out of heaven so necessary for you as Christ. And ye cannot be ignorant but your days will end, and the night of death shall call you from the pleasures of this life: and a doom given out in death standeth for ever -- as long as God liveth! Youth, ordinarily, is a post and ready servant for Satan, to run errands; for it is a nest for lust, cursing, drunkenness, blaspheming of God, lying, pride, and vanity. Oh, that there were such an heart in you as to fear the Lord, and to dedicate your soul and body to His service! When the time cometh that your poor soul look out at

your prison house of clay, to be set at liberty; then a good
conscience, and your Lord's favor, shall be worth all the world's
glory. Seek it as your garland and crown.

Grace be with you.

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