## Too Young to Succeed

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A great many people have gotten used to telling themselves that they are too young to succeed in life; this message is meant to assist such people cease from mediocrity and procrastination. I'll begin by citing the names of some great and successful leaders in the bible in order to help you come to terms with the need to start doing something with your life now.

**Joseph:** He began his life's journey to challenges and victories at age 17 (**Gen. 37:1-4**) and ultimately became the bread winner for his entire family. When do you think you need to begin yours?

Samuel: He went through priesthood training while very young (1 Sam. 1:24-28); and started ministering before the Lord while he was still a child (1 Sam. 2:18)

**David:** He also started as a young athlete (**1 Sam. 17:34-36**) and a fine musician who knew his job well enough to play before the king (

## 1 Sam. 16:14-23

). He was a shepherd boy with great courage who defeated Goliath and was made an army captain thereafter – while he was still a teenager (

## 1 Sam. 18:13-14

). Please note that you are not too young to find favor in God's sight. He was about 30 years when he started to reign as king (2 Sam. 5:4)

**Josiah:** He became King at the age of 8 and reigned for 31 years (2 Kings 22:1). I think there is a spirit of a leader in you. Trust God and take the lead; you are not too young.

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**Daniel:** He was about 19 years old when he was taken to the Babylonians but he did not consider himself too young to separate himself from the lifestyle of the worldly kingdom where he found himself (Dan. 1:8-12).

The three Hebrews (Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego): These were young people (Daniel 1:3 & 3:16-18

) who were full of God's wisdom. They chose to stand for God, contrary to general opinion and idolatrous societal requirements. How old do you think you need to be before you decide solely for Jesus? Will you decide now or do you think you still have time?

**Timothy:** This was definitely a young, dynamic preacher who Paul had to advise not to allow anyone to despise his youth (**1 Tim. 4:12**)

**Jesus:** At age 12 Jesus had already started devoting himself to teachings. He listened and taught the word of God ( **Luke 2:39-52),** not saying that "church is boring." Are you too young to work in your church and serve mankind? How old are you? Christ started His ministry at age 30 (Luke 3:23); and by age 33 He had already accomplished His goal in life – which was to die for and save mankind. There are many 30 year old people today who still see themselves as too young to start anything meaningful.

I read about a young person called Philip Hartman who "is a home-schooled high school senior at the age of 15. He won the 2008 Young Inventor of the Year award for inventing a new system for fusing optical fibers. His latest invention emits steam onto a windshield and is capable of defrosting a frost-covered windshield in about 15 seconds." - <u>http://juniorbiz.com/top-25-young-entrepreneurs</u>

Mark Bao "is a 17-year-old high school senior and he has already launched 11 web-based companies (and sold three of them) along with three non-profit foundations. Some of his projects include TickrTalk, the Ramamia Foundation, Classleaf, and Avecora – a technology network launching sometime in 2013." - <u>http://juniorbiz.com/top-25-young-entrepreneurs</u>

With these many examples, I want to ask whether you are now convinced that young people

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can make and are making differences in the society. The answer is "yes" and you ought to be one of them.

How old are you? I believe if you can read and understand this write-up, then you are old enough to succeed in life. You can decide to embark on something which meets the needs of mankind. Anything you do to meet needs is a step of success. Start now and God will back you up.

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