

Words of Wisdom for Graduates

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Here are some more brief words of wisdom and favorite verses from your church family at Chadron Berean:

Remember that apart from Jesus you can do nothing. John 15:5.

Friendship doubles our joys and divides our griefs. Proverbs 18:24; 17:17

Time is a precious resource to steward wisely. It also has wings. The older you get the faster it flies! Ephesians 5:16.

Sometimes the only reason the grass is greener on the other side is because it's built over a septic tank. Some of the people who look rich are poor and some people who look poor are rich. Be content with what you have! Philippians 4:11-13.

The more you're tempted to skip prayer, the more you need to pray. 1 Thess. 5:17

Conflict deferred is conflict amplified. Ephesians 4:26-27

If you don't come apart for a while, you'll come apart in a while. Luke 5:15-16

The Bible is not a wax nose you can bend any way you want. You are to bend the knee to it. Psalm 19:7-11

Life is full of seasons, times of victories and times of struggle. It's more than okay to fail multiple times in life, it's what you do when you fail and who you trust in that really matters. Don't let your failures define you. Our failures are never final. God writes the final chapter in our lives. Jesus paid it all! Psalm 37:23

The secret to talking is listening. Proverbs 18:13

"Communication is largely by life, not by lecture." Howard Hendricks. Philippians 4:9; 1 Corinthians 11:1.

You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar. Proverbs 16:24

Always ask yourself, "Is the juice worth the squeeze?"

Most Christians are like a bad photo: overexposed and underdeveloped. Don't be a bad photo. 1 Corinthians 3:1-2

"Don't try to fit Jesus into your life. Live your life in Jesus." *Like Arrows* movie. Philippians 1:21

“Sin makes you stupid.” Greg Laurie, *The Wasted Power of a World Changer* (a study on Samson).

Don't follow up one mistake with another. (e.g. David murdered Uriah after committing adultery with Bathsheba).

Beware of the disease to please. Galatians 1:10

“Be less concerned about reputation and more concerned about character, because one is who people say you are, and one is who you really are.” 2 Peter 2:11-12

“It's okay to have one rookie season. It's not okay to repeat that every year of your life.”

If you try to do too much, you end up doing nothing much.

You are an overwhelming conqueror in Christ. Romans 8:37

Act like men. Love. Self-sacrifice. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

You can try to find the right mate, or you can be the right mate. Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7

The power of our words: Our words have the power to build up or tear down. Out of the abundance of our hearts, the mouth speaks. God has much to say to us on this and of guarding our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. On our own strength that is impossible, but only by the power of the Holy Spirit will we be able to choose our words wisely and use them to build others up, especially our friends and family. How easily come forth from our mouths words of complaining, gossip, or criticism. Ephesians 4:29

From the moment you believe through the rest of eternity, you will never take one step alone. He will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5-6), and is with you to the end of the age (Matt. 28:18-20). Nothing can separate you from Him (Rom. 8:38-39).

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. Love God. Love Others. (Matthew 22:36-40).

People are always more important than things.

Better late than never.

Don't fear new challenges or unknown experiences. It is often during times of failure that God is using it as a stepping stone for future growth and for a closer relationship with Him.

It's important to carry the values and teachings from your home church as a guide, but also recognize that different seasons of life may lead to different church needs and preferences in a

church community. Each church you attend after high school can offer unique experiences for opportunity and growth.

Remember the solid biblical teaching that has been invested in you and don't forsake it, but let it be a foundation for the future. 2 Timothy 1:5-7

Just because you're young, doesn't mean you can't have an impact today. 1 Timothy 4:12

Live for the glory of God. Do what God wants you to do.

"Never stop turning to God in bad times, but learning to seek Christ all the time, even in good times, is truly the greatest."

Like a Snicker's bar, every morsel of God's Word fits together for His glory to nourish your life! 2 Corinthians 10:5; Deuteronomy 8:3

Life on earth is a temporary assignment. Believers don't have to be afraid to die or live! Romans 8:10 says, "And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God."

Idols always disappoint their worshippers.

"The treasure you seek is in the cave you fear to enter."

Do what you fear.

Seek guidance from God's Word as you navigate life's journey. Psalm 119:105

"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you!" Ralph Waldo Emerson

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

It's your turn to choose and define what success means to you. Now, others will try to define it for you, but your is the only voice that matters.

Remember to do your best in all you set out to accomplish. Colossians 3:23

God just wants us to be true and real with Him.

In an age of relativism, know that you can know truth.

Remember to K.I.S.S.—Keep It Simple Stupid.

Things break easily when they're spread too thin—including yourself.

Cast your cares upon the Lord like a fishing pole. Cast those cares to Jesus. He will carry them.

Stand firm to follow Jesus.

Climb the highest point around you every now and then to remind yourself of how small you are and how many people need Jesus.

Never give up on your dreams.

Don't forget to call home. Your parents will miss you and they want to hear from you, especially your mom! (Happy Mother's Day moms!)

1 Corinthians 16:13-14. "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

1 Peter 3:15 – "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;"

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 6:16- "This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

Ecclesiastes 5:2 – "Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few."

James 3:16-17 – "In those days, when your numbers have increased greatly in the land," declares the Lord, "people will no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the Lord.' It will never enter their minds or be remembered; it will not be missed, nor will another one be made. At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the Lord, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the Lord. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts."

Colossians 3 – "15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Jeremiah 19:13: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Joshua 24:15 – “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Psalms 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.”

Romans 5:1 – “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Proverbs 2:1-5 – “My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.”

2 Timothy 2:15 – “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”