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It seldom occurs to teenagers that someday they will know as little as their parents. **Lyman Bryson** once said, "The error of youth is to believe intelligence is a substitute for experience, while the error of age is to believe that experience is a substitute for intelligence." Blessed are those who have made the discovery.

One day, a young somewhat "cocky" college student challenged a senior citizen by saying it was simply impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, nuclear energy, and computers."

Taking advantage of the pause in the student's litany, the older man said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young, so we invented them. **What are you doing for the next generation?"**

Now that's a good question that we must always keep before us in the church. We are constantly making investments into the lives of those who will one day replace us. After all, we are standing on the shoulders of all of those who have come before us. Aren't you grateful for those people in your life who loved you and believed in you enough to give you a chance in spite of your mess ups!

Let's remember that there are only 2 things on earth that are eternal: the Word of God and the souls of mankind. The greatest investments we can make here is to pour God's Word into our own lives and then pour ourselves into the lives of others. AMEN!

We were all so proud of our young people who were baptized this past Sunday morning. There are many more to come! On Sunday night, our hearts were stirred again by their "Cardboard" testimonies. It's great to see our youth taking their stand . . . growing and thriving once again. Brother Jeremy . . . keep up the good work!

Revival days are just ahead! We'll get started with a big day in Sunday School. Let's round up everybody to be in their classes on August 23. It's our goal to have "perfect attendance" in each class.

**Dr. Jerry Atkins** will be our preacher for the week. He is one of my closest friends in the ministry. Over the years, God has used him at some very critical times in my life. As I faced decisions as a young preacher, His council helped to guide me in the wise way. After serving as pastor for many years, Brother Jerry is now traveling in evangelism. God is greatly using him across the country. You'll love him. He is an encourager with a very sensitive spirit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Be sure and make your plans to be here each night during the week. We'll enjoy great music and fellowship around the Word of God.

*Know that you're loved . . .*

*first by **Him** and now by **me!***

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