

Common Negative Stereotypes About Youth in Society

- **Lazy or unmotivated**
- **Easily distracted** or “addicted to screens”
- **Entitled** or expecting instant rewards
- **Irresponsible** or unable to handle adult responsibilities
- **Rebellious** or disrespectful toward authority
- **Too emotional** or unable to manage feelings
- **Lacking discipline**
- **Not committed** or unwilling to stick with things
- **Overly influenced** by peers or trends
- **Unprepared for the real world**
- **Disconnected from community** or uninterested in helping others
- **Self-centered** or only caring about personal success
- **Shallow** or uninformed about bigger issues
- **Careless with money**
- **Easily discouraged**
- **Not resilient** or unable to handle hardship

Characteristics & Capacities of Youth

1. Spiritual Fire

- They possess the capacity to maintain a **spirit of selfless service**, which makes all effort fruitful.

2. Responsibility & Leadership

- future progress rests on their shoulders.
- Youth are expected to **learn from older people** so they can take on serious responsibilities as teachers and administrators.

3. Vitality, Endurance & Adaptability

- Praise youth for:
 - **Endurance** under difficult conditions
 - **Vitality and vigor**
 - **Adaptability** in new or challenging environments
 - The ability to **bring warmth and enthusiasm** to others

4. High Standards of Conduct

- Their conduct is described as a “**standard**” that strengthens every project they join.
- This purity of character makes them “potent instruments” for community-building.

5. Motivation to Serve

- Youth are described as the “**spearhead**” and “**driving force**” of collective endeavors.
- Service is not just encouraged—it is central to their identity and destiny.

6. Moral Clarity & Thoughtful Understanding

youth can be called to cultivate:

- **Belief in the nobility of humanity**
- **A deeper understanding of life’s purpose**
- **Ability to distinguish true faith from superstition**
- **A clear view of the harmony of science and religion**

7. Love of Unity

- Youth are drawn to the **beauty and power of unity in diversity**, a quality that enables them to build inclusive communities.

8. Service-Oriented View of Success

- True “glory” lies in **service to one’s country and the peoples of the world**, not personal gain.
- Wealth is noble only when gained justly and spent for the **common good**.

9. Strength Against Negative Social Forces

- Youth can become “**immune to the atmosphere of greed**”, pressing forward toward exalted goals with integrity.