

Wednesday, March 11

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 4:12

As a teenager, it is quite often that adults make you feel like you are ignorant and you don't have any experience. But what those adults don't often realize is that when you interact with them, you use your own experience and way of analyzing your environment, the Bible, and your daily life at school. I am tempted to think that the reason why they don't really accept/understand your way of thinking is because of the age difference. Because if you think about it, the age difference brings up not only a generational matter/issue but also a communication gap. So how do you gain confidence in yourself if some people – even close relatives sometimes – tell you that you don't understand what is going on, or you do not have enough experience in life?

As an exchange student away from his native culture, I had to accept many new things and ideas. When some people judge you and your culture in a certain perspective that is new to you, then you need to understand and accept this new perspective, without getting frustrated. On the other hand, I represent my culture and my perspective to the people I meet in the U.S. as part of an “exchange” of ideas. This adaptation process requires a lot of patience and understanding.

By reading the Bible, and communicating with God, you can get help to find confidence in yourself. You need confidence not only to accept different perspectives in order to develop your experience, but also confidence to teach your way of living, your love, your faith, and your purity.

Prayer: Dear God, help us to find this confidence that we need in order to adapt and understand people's perspectives different than ours, this confidence that we need in order to teach your holy name, our faith and our love. Amen

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