

BE THE EXAMPLE

From the series – 1 TIMOTHY: EVERY MOMENT, EVERY DAY

SUMMARY...

Timothy is entrusted with nearly an impossible task... taking over for the Apostle Paul. How does one lead in the footsteps and shadow of the one who saw the Resurrected Christ... the one who was planting churches all over Asia Minor and the Middle East... and, the one who founded the church in Ephesus? Tasked with leading the church that Paul established, Timothy will need some encouragement from Paul so that his 'fear of man', specifically related to his 'youthfulness' will not hinder the work that God has called him to. Paul's one charge to Timothy is this: 'be the example' as to what godliness looks like in all facets of life – *speech, conduct, love, faith and purity*.

BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. Read [1 Timothy 4:11](#) – the Apostle Paul commands Timothy to 'command and teach these things.' What are these 'things' that the Apostle Paul is referring to? Read through [1 Timothy 4:6-10](#) to help answer this question.
2. Read [1 Timothy 4:12a](#) – the Apostle Paul tells Timothy to not allow people to 'despise' or 'look down on him' because of his youth. Why would Timothy's age hinder him from the command that Paul had given him in [1 Timothy 4:11](#)? How has the 'fear of man' impacted your ability to accomplish the work of God in your life?
3. In 1 Timothy 4:12, the Apostle Paul calls Timothy to be an example in five aspects of life – speech, conduct (or character), love, faith and purity. Read the following Scriptures correlating to each area and reflect on why it is so important to be an 'example of godliness' in each area. Which area is a struggle for you?
 - a. Speech – [Luke 6:45](#) & [Proverbs 18:21](#).
 - b. 'Way of life' {conduct and/or character} – [Titus 2:7](#)
 - c. Love – [John 13:34](#)
 - d. Faith – [Matthew 14:28-31](#)
 - e. Purity – [Matthew 5:8](#)

NEXT STEPS & REFLECTIONS...

Not all will be called towards vocational ministry as in the case of young Timothy, but ALL followers of Jesus are called to live out the mission of 'helping ALL people walk with God.' Where God is calling you to live out this mission (*home, work, school, etc.*) and if there is anything like the 'fear of man' that is hindering you from accomplishing His mission in and through your life?