

Encouraging a Son in the Faith

1 Timothy 4:1-5, 12-16

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I. Take heed to your ministry. 1 Timothy 4:1-5, 12-16

God doesn't measure a follower by their \_\_\_\_\_ age.

- Maturity in Christ has nothing to do with amount of \_\_\_\_\_ a person has been a Christian.

When we are faithful in small matters, the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ us with larger responsibilities. **Luke 16:10-11**

- Note the word "**example**" in **verse 12** means "*a pattern; a model; or something to be \_\_\_\_\_ or followed.*"

II. Paul told Timothy to be an example. 1 Timothy 4:12

1. ... **be an example in** \_\_\_\_\_.

Christians should be an example with what we say and the way we say it. Paul told Timothy to control his \_\_\_\_\_ at all times!

- The second part of this admonition: we are to use the Word of God as our \_\_\_\_\_ for life. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

2. ... **be an example in** \_\_\_\_\_.

Fathers, we need to demonstrate Jesus through our \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ... **be an example in** \_\_\_\_\_.

It has been said that hate can motivate people into doing all sorts of different things...wars, revenge, strife, etc. True love is the only thing stronger than \_\_\_\_\_.

- "*Forgiveness is an act of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.*" (Corrie Ten Boom)

The Holy Spirit causes love to overflow in our hearts, because God is \_\_\_\_\_ . **John 13:35**

4. ... **be an example in** \_\_\_\_\_.

In the original language, "**in Spirit**" describes the inner enthusiasm and \_\_\_\_\_ of a child of God. **Psalms 34:8**

5. ... **be an example in** \_\_\_\_\_.

The Greek word for **faith** here is actually "\_\_\_\_\_."

6. ... **be an example in** \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul is not speaking of sinless perfection, but being \_\_\_\_\_ to the prompting of the Holy Spirit of God.

- By living pure lives, it proves we have the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit living in us that the world so desperately desires.

Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Read **1 Timothy 4:12**. When measuring faithfulness, does the Lord consider the age or the maturity of a follower? **Luke 12:48, Luke 16:10-11, 1 Corinthians 4:2, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 3:1-3**
2. Discuss the following statements about a Christian's position in Christ:
  - Complete in Him. **Colossians 2:10**
  - Free forever from sin's power. **Romans 6:14**
  - Sanctified. **1 Corinthians 6:11**
  - Loved eternally. **1 Peter 1:5**
  - Eternally kept in the palm of His hand. **John 10:29**
  - No longer condemned. **Romans 8:1-2**
  - On my way to heaven. **John 14:6**
  - Seated in heavenly places. **Ephesians 1:3**
  - Holy, perfect, righteous. **Romans 6:22, 1 John 4:17**
3. Read and discuss the six ways we are told to be examples from point II. of the sermon note sheet. **Psalms 3:8, Matthew 12:34, John 4:24, John 13:35, Romans 14:7-8, Ephesians 4:20-24, Colossians 4:6, 1 Timothy 5:2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:6, James 3:10, 2 Peter 1:3**