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Your Life Speaks

Your life speaks. What does that mean? **Your life and how you live it will convey a message. Your life will set an example. All lives set an example. Some lives set very good examples. Other lives set very poor examples. All the thoughts and words and deeds of your life will become the content of the message of your life. Will your life send out a good message and example for others to follow?** I certainly hope so. **Hoping so will not make it so.** What will make my life able to send a good message and be an example for others to follow? **I'm sure you know the answer to your question.** You are? **Yes, I am. Let me hear your answer.** I can't live the life that you want me to live without your help. **No, you cannot.** You have given me your word. You want to speak your word into my life. **Yes, I do.** You want me to know and do your word. **Yes, I do. But, you are getting a little ahead of yourself.** You want to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life with your word. **Yes, I do.** You will use your word to mold and shape my life. **Yes, I will.** You will use your word to cleanse and purify my life. Your word will change all the thoughts, and words and deeds of my life. Your word will fan the flame of my desire to live my life with and for you. **Yes, it will.** Your word will help me to stand against temptation. Your word will be a sword in the Holy Spirit's hand to fight in me, with me and for me. You will use your word to help me to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. **Yes, I will.** I am sure that if I let your word dwell in me richly, my life will send out a good message and be an example for others to follow. I have absolutely no doubt about that. **Nor should you.**

So, what will be the focus of your life? Listening to you, will be the focus of my life. Meeting with you in your word, will be the focus of my life. Listening carefully to all that you say to me, will be the focus of my life. Going and doing what you ask of me, will be the focus of my life. **That is very good. What am I asking of you now?** You are asking me to love you and serve others. You are asking me to teach and encourage others to live their lives with and for you. You are asking me to live a faith filled and pure life that will demonstrate your love to others. **Yes, I am. Will you go and do that?** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, use my life to teach others. Use the thoughts and words and deeds of my life to be an example that others can follow. Help me to live a pure, faith filled life, that demonstrates your love to others as I encourage and teach fellow believers with your word. Amen

Be *An Example*

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

NIV 1 Timothy 4:11-13

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Be *An Example*

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching.

NRSV 1 Timothy 4:11-13

Be *An Example*

Continue to command these things and to teach them. Let no one despise *or* think less of you because of your youth, but be an example (pattern) for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching *and* instilling doctrine.

AMP 1 Timothv 4:11-13

Be *An Example*

Prescribe and teach these things. Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. Until I come, give attention to the *public* reading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.

NASB 1 Timothy 4:11-13

Be *An Example*

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

ESV 1 Timothy 4:11-13

Be *An Example*

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NKJV 1 Timothy 4:11-13

Be *Teach Believers With Your Life*

Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching.

MSG 1 Timothy 4:11-13

Be *Their Ideal*

Teach these things and make sure everyone learns them well. Don't let anyone think little of you because you are young. Be their ideal; let them follow the way you teach and live; be a pattern for them in your love, your faith, and your clean thoughts. Until I get there, read and explain the Scriptures to the church; preach God's Word.

TLB 1 Timothy 4:11-13

Be *An Example*

Command and teach these things. Do not let anyone treat you as if you are unimportant because you are young. Instead, be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith, and your pure life. Until I come, continue to read the Scriptures to the people, strengthen them, and teach them.

NCV 1 Timothy 4:11-13

An Example

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Be – 1 Timothy 4:11-13

In Context: *Read 1 Timothy 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why will you have nothing to teach others if God’s word is not dwelling richly in your life?

How is your life focused on knowing and following and obeying God’s word?

How has God’s word changed your heart, transformed your mind and guided your life?

How has God’s word helped to grow your faith and the faith of those you teach?

How are the thoughts and words and deeds of your life serving as an example others can follow?

How are you using God’s word to encourage and teach others?

How are you living your life in ways that demonstrates God’s love to others?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to use the thoughts and words and deeds of your life to be an example others can follow.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will use the thoughts, words and deeds of your life as an example others can follow.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your thoughts, words and deeds are an example others can follow.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May the thoughts, words, and deeds of your life be an example others can follow.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will let the thoughts, words, and deeds of my life be an example others can follow.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can the thoughts, words and deeds of my life be an example others can follow?
