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1 Timothy 4:11-14 (MSG)

## **Life And Words**

**Do you want to get the word out? Do you want me to use your life to lead others to me? Do you want me to use you to go out into the world to make disciples?** Yes, I will get the word out. Yes, I want you to use my life to lead others to you. **Yes, I want to go out into the world to make disciples.** How will you use me? How will you speak through me? **Those are two very good questions. I will speak through you in two very different ways. Both ways must be combined together for you to be powerfully used by me.** You have my full attention. I am listening carefully to you. **First, you must live a godly life. The conduct of your life will speak to others. How you live your life will send out a message into the world. The demeanor of your life must be a flesh and blood demonstration of love and faith and integrity. Others must be able to see my life being lived out in and through you. Your life must shine brightly in the darkness of this world. Your life must be attractive. Your life must be winsome. Is this all clear to you? Do you fully understand what I am saying to you? Yes, I do. That's good.**

**Your life alone will not speak clearly enough. Your life alone will only open the door to minister to others. Your life alone will only make others eager to hear what you have to say. Without your words, others will not come to know and love and follow and serve me. Without your words, others will not come to be my disciples. You teach and counsel others with my word. You must boldly declare my word so it can be heard. Will you meet with me in my word? Will you read my word? Will you teach and counsel others with my word? Yes, I will. Will you use all the gifts that I have given you to minister to others? Yes, I will. Then your life and the words I give you to declare will be powerfully used by me. Others will come to know and love and follow and serve me through your life and words. Thank you, Lord.**

*Lord, I will use the gifts, talents, resources, and abilities you have given me to minister to others. I will teach others by the example of my life and with the words of my mouth. Help me to make sure that nothing you have given is unused and goes to waste. Amen*

**The Virtuous Life***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. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

NIV

1 Timothy 4:11-14

**The Virtuous Life***An Example*

Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them. Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

NLT

1 Timothy 4:11-14

**The Virtuous Life***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. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.

NRSV

1 Timothy 4:11-14

**The Virtuous Life***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. Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination].

AMP

1 Timothy 4:11-14

**The Virtuous Life***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. Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

NASB

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ESV

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NKJV

1 Timothy 4:11-14

**The Virtuous Life***Teach Believers With Your Life*

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MSG

1 Timothy 4:11-14

**The Virtuous Life***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. Be sure to use the abilities God has given you through his prophets when the elders of the church laid their hands upon your head.

TLB

1 Timothy 4:11-14

**The Virtuous Life***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. Use the gift you have, which was given to you through prophecy when the group of elders laid their hands on you.

NCV

1 Timothy 4:11-14

# Teach Believers With Your Life

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**The Virtuous Life** – 1 Timothy 4:11-14

**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?)***

Lord, I will use the gifts, talents, resources, and abilities you have given me to minister to others. I will teach others by the example of my life and with the words of my mouth. Help me to make sure that nothing you have given is unused and goes to waste. Amen

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

How are you getting the word out and sharing the good news of the Gospel with others?

How has been the Lord been using you to teach others as His followers?

How are you living a godly life that teaches others by your example?

**Why will your words of testimony also need to accompany the testimony of your life?**

How is your life a demonstration of love, faith, and integrity that speaks to others?

**How are you continuing to meet with God in His word so that you can share it with others?**

**How are you continuing to use the gifts, talents, abilities, and resources to minister to others?**

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

Continue to use all the gifts, talents, resources, and abilities God has given you to minister to others.

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

Have faith that the Lord has given you gifts, talents, resources, and abilities to use to minister to others.

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is using you to minister to others.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May your life and words teach others how to love and follow and serve the Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, help my life and words teach others how to love and follow and serve you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to use my life and words to teach others how to love, follow and serve you?*

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