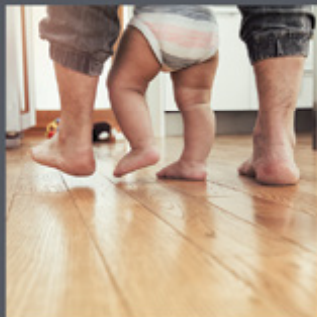


# **“Your Religion Lived Out Loud”**

***“PUTTING THE WORD OF GOD IN ACTION!”***



***“BEING AN EXAMPLE” that the World may know!”***

**1 Timothy 4:11-16**

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## Session 1: Overview of the Sessions

First: Open the Session with Prayer . . .

Second: Answer the Icebreaker question . . .

Third: Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16 (NIV)

### Icebreaker Questions:

1. Has there ever been a time when you felt that people didn't take you seriously? Who, When and What?
2. Have you told anyone that you were serious about being a Christian? How did it make you feel? If you haven't told anyone, why not?
3. How does it feel, that people know that you are a Christian?

### First Timothy 4:11-16 (NIV)

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 conduct, 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 prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

### List three things these verses are saying to you.

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### The Key Points to today's Scriptures Verses:

- I. **Verse 11:** "Command and teach these things."

1. The first key point we find is a command: “command” means to order, tell, direct, or instruct.
2. Back in 1 Timothy 4:6 (NIV), Paul tells us: “If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.”
3. The command is for all seasoned and mature Christians to teach the new or young Christian how to develop the character of Christ Jesus. What things . . . we find them in verse 12 (NIV).

**II. Verse 12:** “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young,”

1. In The second command “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young.” Paul tells us not to let people look down on us because of our age, race, sex, economic situation, or our past sinful lives.
  - a. Age: There is no age in which anyone becomes a perfect Christian (there is none).
  - b. Race: Christianity has no color (It is not black, white, green, blue or any other color), shape or size! (Galatian 3:28 NIV).
  - c. Sex: Christianity is not male or female (Galatian 3:28 NIV).
  - d. Economic Situation: Salvation is a gift from God (Romans 5:16 NLT).
  - e. Past sinful life, or “BC Days” (Before Christ Days): the key word is “Past.” The Bible tells us, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV).
2. Please understand, if someone is judging you because of one or more of these things, this book is the perfect study program for them.

**III.** In the third part of verse 12 is where we find the third command: “but set an example for the believers.”

1. Timothy was to be an example in behavior. His conduct was to be an example of discipline, godliness, righteousness, and control. He was to demonstrate what a true follower and leader of the Jesus Christ looked like.
  - "Be an example" in the Greek means: "become a pattern."
2. Paul also made this command to Titus, which states: "In all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8 NASB).
3. Below I have listed the ways in which Paul commands that Christians should act to be an example for the believers and for the unbelievers:
  - in speech
  - in conduct
  - in love
  - in faith
  - in purity
  - in the Word of God
  - in being a good steward of your Gift
  - and in doctrine

#### **IV. Homework Assignment:**

1. Remember the Eight (8) areas of a true Christian:
  - Christian Speech
  - Christian Conduct
  - Christian Love
  - Christian Faith
  - Christian Purity
  - The Word of God in the Christian life
  - A good steward of my Christian Gift
  - Christian Doctrine

**Prayer:** Father God, please help us to be doers of your Word, and not only hearers of your Word. Please help us grow in your Word and become closer to you. In Jesus' name – AMEN.

## Session 2: "Speech"

First: Open the session with prayer . . .

Second: Check session 1 Homework assignment . . .

### Icebreaker Questions:

1. Have you ever said something you wish you could take back? How did it make you feel?
2. Do you know of a person of whom you have never heard them say anything negative? Who is that person and how do you feel about that person?
3. What is the difference between Cursing and Profanity (cussing)?

Note: Profanity and Cursing

- Profanity (cussing) is abusive language that is offensive because it is disrespectful of religion or offensive because it is rude. Religious profanity is called blasphemy.
- Cursing is a solemn utterance intended to invoke a supernatural power to inflict harm or punishment on someone or something (telling someone to go to Hades or saying "I wish you would die").

**Verse 12:** "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in *speech*, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12 NIV).

#### I. Verse 12: example for the believers: "*in speech*"

Here in verse 12 Paul tells Timothy to set an example for the believers in the way he talked in public and in private. He was to be an example in word: in what he said and in the way he said it. He had to control his conversation and tongue no matter the opposition.

In today's world, we hear it all – the good, the bad and the ugly. We hear it from adults, teenagers and little babies just learning to talk, cursing and using profanity. However, as a Christian you are

called to a higher standard. In the next section, we will see what the Word of God have to say about our *speech*.

II. What do the Bible has to say about our *speech*? Take the time to discuss each verse.

1. "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18:21 NIV).

- What does Proverbs 18:21 speak to you? And how does it relate to your speech?

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2. "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37 NIV).

- What does Matthew 12:36-37 say to you? And how does it relate to your speech?

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3. "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6 NIV).

- What does Colossians 4:6 say to you? And how does it relate to your speech?

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4. "... and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us" (Titus 2:8 NIV).

- What does Titus 2:8 say to you? And how does it relate to your speech?

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5. “Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones” (Proverbs 16:24 KJV).

- What does Proverbs 16:24 say to you? And how does it relate to your “Speech?”
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6. “The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered” (Proverbs 17:27 NIV).

- What does Proverbs 17:27 say to you? And how does it relate to your speech?
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7. “The words of a wise man’s mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself” (Ecclesiastes 10:12 KJV).

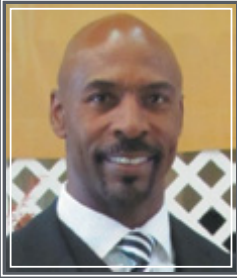
- What does Ecclesiastes 10:12 say to you? And how does it relate to your speech?
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8. “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be” (James 3:9-10 NIV).

- What does James 3:9-10 say to you? And how does it relate to your speech?
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

It is my VISION is to see every Man, Woman, Boy and Girl come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

It is my MISSION to make known the biblical and historical person and works of Jesus Christ; with the purpose of persuading every person I come in contact with to put their trust in him exclusively, as their only means of salvation, to the glory of God.

**PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

As a Christian, I understand that I am a servant and stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ and have been entrusted with individual in my circle of influence. As a Christian I understand it's my responsibility to help develop them mentally, physically, and spiritually, to the glory of God.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

"We must tell the people about the gospel of Jesus Christ!" There are many types of diseases all over the world: mental, physical, and spiritual, such as Aids, cancer, heart disease, also adultery, violence, lust, and pride. However, the ultimate disease of all time is SIN, which has been man's problem from the beginning of creation. We have been given the answer to their eternal problem and the answer is Jesus Christ. It is our duty to make the proclamation of the biblical and historical person and works of Jesus Christ known, with the purpose of persuading men and women all over the world to put their trust in Him exclusively as their only means of salvation. With this cure, people can rise above poverty, be freed from the bondage of sin, and their eyes and hearts may be open to the truth."

**MOTTO:**

"There is nothing too hard for God!" (Genesis 18:14; Job 42:2; Jeremiah 32:17, 27)