

Our Example

A study of 1 Timothy 4:12

Be an example in...WORD

- What does The Lord say about our words?
- Source of our words - Mt. 12:33-36, 15:16-20
- Heart is the key!

Be an example in...WORD

- What should we speak?
 - 1) The wisdom of God – 1 Cor. 2:6-7
 - 2) Songs – Eph. 5:19
 - 3) Prayers – 1 Thess. 5:17
 - 4) Words of edification – Eph. 4:29

Be an example in...Conduct

- How powerful is our conduct? – 1 Pet. 3:1; 1 Cor. 7:16
- What should our conduct to be?
 - 1) A shining light. Mt. 5:14-16
 - 2) Worthy conduct. Eph. 4:1-2
 - 3) Reflect the fruit of the spirit. Gal. 5:22-26

Be an example in...Conduct

- Our Conduct should not exemplify
 - 1) The works of the flesh. Gal. 5:19-21
 - 2) Hypocrisy. Gal. 2:11-13

Be an example in...Love

- What kind of love?
- John 13:31-35 – The degree of love is emphasized. It is the badge of discipleship.

Be an example in...Love

- How important is love?
- Mt. 22:34-40 – All the law and the prophets hang on two commands involving love.
- John 3:16 – God's love brought about our salvation!

Be an example in...Love

- Who must we love?
 - 1) Love God – 1 John 4:16, 20-21
 - 2) Love each other – 1 John 2:10, 4:20-21
- Love has fruits. 1 Cor. 13:1-8

Be an example in...spirit

- Not listed in some translations.
- John 4:21-26. Man must worship whole heartedly.
- Gal. 2:20. Paul whole heartedly lived for God.
- We must exemplify whole hearted service.

Be an example in...Faith

- Heb. 11:1 – Faith is defined.
- Heb. 11:6 – Without faith we cannot please God.
- John 8:24 – Without faith we will die in our sins.

Be an example in...Faith

- What kind of faith?
 - 1) An active, obedient faith. Jms. 2:24, 26.
 - 2) A faith that we live by. 2 Cor. 5:7

Be an example in...Purity

- 1 Tim. 5:22 – Paul admonishes Timothy to be pure.
- Phil. 4:8-9 – We become pure in word and conduct by centering our hearts upon pure things.
- James 3:13, 17 – Wisdom from above is pure.

Our Example

- What about your example? Has it been one that will edify and teach your brethren? Will it lead others to Christ?