

**Series "Entrusted With The Truth"**  
**"An Enduring Ministry"**  
**1 Timothy 4:12-16**  
**Study-12**

**1 Timothy 4:6**

**1 Tim 4 – The Church and Its Minister:**

**The Soundness Of A Church Must Be Traced Back To The Soundness Of The Pastor.**

**1 Tim 4:16**

- 1. Verse 12 – Example To Others**
- 2. Verse 13 – Emphasize God's Word**
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**1. Verse 12 – Example To Others:**

1 Tim 4:12

1 Tim 4:6-11 – God Centered Ministry (A Good Minister of Jesus Christ)

1 Tim 4:12-16 – An Enduring Ministry (Lasting Fruitful Ministry)

"look down" – "despise"; literally means "to look down mentally"

"show yourself an example of those who believe." – The command actually reads, "keep on becoming"

The term "example" in the Greek is "the imprinted mark of a firm, heavy blow upon metal."

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6

1 Peter 5:2-3

Hebrews 13:7

1. "speech" – (Word) an example in his speech, both public and private.

Proverbs 13:3

James 3:6

Ephesians 4:15

Ephesians 4:25 –

Titus 1:2

2. “conduct” – Timothy's lifestyle was to be praiseworthy.

Titus 1:16

1 Peter 1:15

James 3:13

3. “love” – Greek word (agapēi); “the love of decision, of will, self-denial, self-sacrificing to benefit others, deliberate choice”

1 Timothy 1:5

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

1 John 4:20-21

Philippians 2:17

4. “faith” – Not one's belief; Means “one's faithfulness or unswerving commitment”

1 Corinthians 4:2

5. “purity” – “manifesting a holy life of dedication before God and in his dealings with others, a sexual purity in actions and intentions of the heart”

1 Timothy 3:2

2 Timothy 2:22

**2. Verse 13 – Emphasize God's Word:**

1 Tim 4:13

“give attention” – “an inner devotion and a total absorption in the task.” Paul charged his associate to “give attendance” to 3 areas of public ministry.

1. To Reading: (The Scriptures Are The Authority) – “to the public reading of Scripture,”

Colossians 4:16

1 Thessalonians 5:27

2. To Exhortation: (Application) – “to exhortation” (Preaching); The term exhortation – means “to call beside, to rebuke, warn, counsel, or comfort always involves a binding of the conscience.”

The idea of preaching being Spirit directed activity, communicating God’s message to the people. Believers and non-believers, The conviction that God’s Word is always relevant to God’s people!

3. To Teaching: (Exposition) – “and teaching.”; (Doctrinal) used 15X in Pastoral Epistles. It involves the systematic explanation of the Word of God.

Nehemiah 8:8

The pastor was to read the Word, explain it, and apply it.

“Biblical Exposition”; To expound Scripture is to open up the inspired text with such faithfulness and sensitivity that God's voice is heard and his people obey him.

### **3. Verse 14 – Exercise Your Spiritual Gifts:**

1 Tim 4:14

“Do not neglect” – literally means “be not careless about”; It denotes a lack of genuine concern.

You Have A Spiritual Gift – “the spiritual gift within you,”; The term “gift” is the Greek word charisma. It simply means “a gracious gift from God.”

The Gift Was Confirmed By Revelation – “which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance”; 1 Tim 1:18 – Paul himself, Acts 13:2

The Gift Was Recognized By Others – “with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.”

#### **4. Verse 15 – Excel In Jesus:**

1 Tim 4:15

(Attitude) “Take pains with these things;” – “Thinking through beforehand, planning, strategizing, premeditating” “meditate”

(Actions) “be absorbed in them,” – literally reads “be in them”

2 Timothy 4:2

Progressing In Spiritual Growth: “so that your progress may be evident to all.”

progress literally means “to cut toward”

#### **5. Verse 16 – Examine Yourself:**

1 Tim 4:16

Vigilance: “Pay close attention” – “to hold upon, to fasten attention upon”

1 Peter 5:8

Personal Life – “to yourself,” – “Himself”

Theological Life – “and to your teaching;”

#### **Application:**

1. As Good Servant/Minister – We Preach the Word
2. As Godly Servant/Minister – We Practice the Word
3. As Growing Servant/Minister – We Progress in the Word