

# Be an Example

1 Timothy 4:12-16

Paul calls Timothy to be an example of Christ in order to combat false teaching as he ministers in Ephesus

## 1. Do Not Be \_\_\_\_\_

God calls us to be examples despite our inadequacies (v. 12)

Remember Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3-4)

**Key #1: God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called**

## 2. Devote Yourself to \_\_\_\_\_

We are to ensure that our example is tempered by God's Word (v. 13)

**Acts 17:10–11** “<sup>10</sup> The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup> Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

**Key #2: Everything we do should be seen through the lens of Scriptur**



### 3. Practice Your \_\_\_\_\_

God gave us these gifts to utilize for His kingdom, to be disciple-making examples (vv. 14-15)

**1 Corinthians 12:14-20** “<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.”

**Key #3: Figure out what you’re gifted in and practice!  
Start now!**

### 4. Keep Yourself \_\_\_\_\_

Our example must be in line with the teachings of the Bible (v. 16)

**James 1:22** “<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

**Key #4: Get accountable with a biblical group and a partner**

**Jesus is the Ultimate Example for Us to Follow!**