

Role Models

Text: 1 Timothy 4:12

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I. THE SINCERE EXHORTATION

- A. Paul appealed to Timothy and exhorted him to live so that he would be an ideal role model or pattern for others to follow.
- B. Other scriptures exhort believers to model their faith (*Mt. 5:13-1; Tit. 2:5-7*)

II. THE SPECIFIC QUALITIES TO BE DEVELOPED

- A. In word (speech, communication)
 - 1) *Ps. 34:13 - "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from seeking guile"*
 - 2) *Prov. 4:24 - "Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee"*
 - 3) *Prov. 13:3 - "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life, but he that openeth his mouth wide his lips shall have destruction"*
 - 4) *Phil. 1:27 - "Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ"*
- B. In conversation (manner of life, conduct, behavior)
- C. In charity (brotherly love, affection)
- D. In spirit - This refers to how believers walk in the Spirit and are to be spiritually minded
- E. In faith - This word carries the idea of having the moral conviction of religious truth. It also denotes fidelity and faithfulness, the character of one who can be relied on.
- F. In purity - this word denotes moral purity and integrity. One must live an ethical, clean, just, and honest life.
- G. According to Paul in *Titus 2:6-7*, a believer must show integrity, seriousness, and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned.

III. THE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES NEEDED TO BE A ROLE MODEL

- A. Salvation through the New Birth (*2 Pet. 1:1-8*)
- B. The Holy Spirit which is given at the new birth
- C. The Word of God
- D. The brethren