

(1 Tim. 4:12) "BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS"

INTRODUCTION

Example: a thing shown, a specimen; a writing-copy to trace; pattern; model.

God an example: (Eph. 5:1) "Be imitators of God, as dear children, and walk in love ... "

(John 1:18) "... the only begotten Son ... he hath declared him ... "

(John 14:9) "... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father ... "

Jesus an example: (1 Peter 2:21) "... leaving us an example, ... follow his steps ... "

(Phil. 2:5) "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"

(Heb. 10:9) "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God ... "

We are to be examples: (1 Cor. 11:1) "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"

"BE THOU AN EXAMPLE" IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (1 Tim. 4:11-13)

1. "IN WORD"

1) Refers to the language we use and manner in which it is used.

(Matt. 12:36-37; Eph. 4:29, 31; Col. 4:6)

Our language is an exemplary mark of Christianity.

2) Timothy, as a preacher, was to "preach the word ... " (2 Tim. 4:1-5)

(2 Tim. 1:13; Eph. 4:15)

He is an example for preachers in their sermon presentations.

2. "IN CONDUCT" - (2 Tim. 3:10; 1 Tim. 3:14-15)

3. "IN LOVE" - (Matt. 22:37-40; John 14:15; 1 John 5:3; 1 John 4:21)

4. "IN SPIRIT" -

References the manner and disposition in which we do things.

(2 Tim. 1:7) "God has not given us a spirit (characteristics) of fear,

but of power (to prevail) and love (toward people) and of sound mind (discipline)"

5. "IN FAITH" - (Titus 2:10) "... showing all good fidelity ... "

6. "IN PURITY" - (1 Thess. 4:2-4)

7. (v13) "GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING, TO EXHORTATION, TO DOCTRINE"

CLOSE: (v16) "Take heed to thyself, and unto the doctrine, continue in them:
for in doing this thou shalt save thyself, and them that hear thee"