TIMOTHY, FOR EXAMPLE

(1 Timothy 4:12-16)

INTRODUCTION

"Example" - primarily a thing shown; sample; model; illustration; copy this.

- 1) God is our example (Ephesians 5:1). 2) Jesus also (1 Peter 2:21, Philippians 2:5).
- 3) Apostle Paul (Acts 20:35, 1 Cor. 11:1). 4) Timothy (text). 5) We are to be, too.

1. "BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS IN WORD"

- 1) In the language we use and the manner in which we use it.
 (Matthew 12:36-37; Ephesians 4:29-31; Colossians 4:6)
- 2) When teaching God's word, don't add or take away from it.

2. "IN CONDUCT"

We've heard it said, "Practice what your preach" and "Walk the talk"

(2 Timothy 3:10) "You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions ... "

3. "IN LOVE"

This is a great motivator for speaking and acting correctly. (Matthew 22:37-40; John 14:15; 1 John 4:21)

4. "IN SPIRIT"

This references the disposition and manner in which we do things.

5. "IN FAITH"

Reference to Timothy's faithfulness, trust-worthiness, reliability in Christian living.

(Titus 2:10) "... but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

- 6. "IN PURITY" live a disciplined life, self-controlled, well behaved.
- 7. "Till I come, give attention to READING, to EXHORTATION, to DOCTINE"

CLOSE: (v16) "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."