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"BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS"

(1 Timothy 4:11-16)

INTRODUCTION

Example - primarily a thing shown; sample; to show by example; a writing copy to trace.

- 1) **God** is our example (Eph. 5:1). 2) **Jesus** is our example (1 Peter 2:21; Phil. 2:5).
- 3) **We** are to be examples to others (1 Tim. 4:12; 1Cor. 11:1)

BE AN EXAMPLE IN THESE AREAS:

1. "IN WORD"

- 1) In the language we use and the manner in which we use it.
(Matt. 12:36-37; Eph. 4:29-31; Col. 4:6)
- 2) When we preach the Word of God, don't add nor take-away.
(2 Tim. 4:1-5; 2 Tim. 1:13; Eph. 4:15)

2. "IN CONDUCT"

We've heard it said: "Practice what you preach" and "Walk the talk"

(2 Tim. 3:10) "Thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose ... "

3. IN LOVE"

Loving another is a great motivator for speaking and acting properly.

(Matt. 22:37-40; John 14:15; 1 John 5:3)

4. "IN SPIRIT"

This references the disposition and manner 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 a sound mind (discipline). Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord ... "

5. "IN FAITH"

"Faith" has reference to Timothy's faithfulness and trust-worthiness to God.

(Titus 2:10) "... showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God ... "

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