

The Teaching Ministry of the Church
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Scripture Lesson is 1 Timothy 4:6-15; 6:2-5 **This is an excerpt from the message.**

Ver. 12: Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 2. That is, give no man an occasion to despise thy youth. Don't allow youthful vanities and follies to make you despicable. 3. Confirm the doctrine by a good example. Those who teach by their doctrine must teach by their life, else they pull down with one hand what they build up with the other. Be an example in word and conversation. Their conversation must be strict. They must be examples in charity, or love to God and all good men. Be an example in spirit that is, in spiritual-mindedness, in spiritual worship, in faith, that is, in the profession of Christian faith, and in purity or chastity.

Ver. 13,15. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Thought Timothy had extraordinary gifts, yet he must use ordinary means. He must read and exhort, that is, read and expound, read and press what he read upon them; he must teach them both what to do and what to believe. Ministers likewise must teach people to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded. Matt. 28:20. Ministers are to be examples of their flock. Ministers that are best accomplished for their work must yet mind their studies, that they may be improving in knowledge. They must give attention to reading, to exhortation, and to doctrine.

Ver. 14: Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. He charges him to beware of negligence. The gifts of God will wither if they be neglected. 2 Tim. 1:6 Timothy was conferred by prophecy and the laying on of hands of Paul, and ordained by men of the presbytery. The office of the ministry is a gift, it is the gift of Christ. When he ascended on high, he received gifts for men, and he gave some apostles, and some pastors, and teachers. Eph. 4: 8,11, and this was a very kind gift to his church. Ministers ought not to neglect the gift bestowed upon them.

All ministers and others who teach the Word should be good examples, they should fulfill their responsibilities, and they should be sure they are teaching the truth.