



Ordination  
1 Timothy 4:12-16 November 19, 2017

I. Introduction:

- A. I have a message today that is especially for younger people, for older people who if they did not establish these things in their youth it is time to now, a message to all leaders and especially to Josh Weaver who is going to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry right after this as Pastor Josh Weaver!
- B. Turn in your Bible to 1 Tim 4:12.
  - 1. The book was written by Paul to his young companion and fellow worker, Timothy! When their travels took them to Ephesus they found false teachers there in the church and Paul left Timothy there to deal with them!
  - 2. In chapter four, he starts by describing apostasy then he tells Timothy what it will take to be a good servant of Jesus Christ in times of false teaching and apostasy.
    - a) And let me say we are clearly living in an age where there is all kinds of false teaching and apostasy violently swirling around both outside and inside the church!
    - b) And God's solution is still the same – a godly person armed with God's truth! My question to each of us, and especially you Josh, will we be that man or woman or youth in this age?
- In his exhortation to young Timothy, he specifically addresses three areas, the first speaks about is his...

II. 1 Timothy 4:12-16

A. Character

- 1. Read v12
- 2. The way that Timothy can get people to respect his leadership, rather than look down on his youthfulness, is by making his character an example that all believers, no matter their age, would want to follow.

- a) Speech – the way you talk
  - b) Conduct – the way you conduct your life at all times with all people!
  - c) Love – the way you love God, the lost and believers. The way you love the lovable and those who take extra grace.
  - d) Faith – The way you trust God for everyday things, special needs and crisis!
  - e) Purity – a life not dominated by sin or moral impurity!
3. People are desperate for a living example of what godly living looks like in a day and age of false teaching and apostasy!
- B. However, along with godly living, solid teaching is also needed in the face of false teaching and apostasy. So in verse thirteen he moves to Scripture!
- 1. Read v13
  - 2. He talks about reading God’s Word publically, exhorting - encouraging, consoling and challenging people with what God’s Word says and then teaching it. Sound doctrine for both belief and life!
  - 3. We said a lot about the importance and power of Scripture in our reformation series as we learned how God’s Word turned upside down a church and country that was swarming with false teaching and apostasy!
- C. Then he moves on to spiritual gifts, the supernatural abilities that God gives to each believer, through which the Holy Spirit expresses himself in different ways in order to build up the church and reach the lost!
- 1. Read v14
  - 2. Do not neglect – do not forget, do not ignore, do not let it fall to the bottom of your priorities because of busyness
  - 3. We remember the parables of Jesus where he teaches us he will reward greatly those who further developed their gifts for the advancement of his kingdom
- D. Next Paul tells Timothy to take pains, be absorbed, and persevere in these things!
- 1. Read v15
  - 2. What are “these things?” In context, it is his character, Scriptures, and spiritual gifts!
  - 3. Note through this whole section Paul is emphasizing the importance of paying close attention to these things to the point that this attention is deep and ongoing. Note:

a) First, every word I am going to show you now is in the present tense, which means it should be the pattern and habit of your life and every one of them is a command, which means they are not just good ideas or suggestions for a young leader but a must, a priority a focus!

b) Note

(1) v12 – Show

(2) v13 – Give attention to

(3) v14 – Do not neglect

(4) v15 – Take pains with

(5) v16 – Pay close attention; persevere

4. Hear the gracious news for you from our gracious God: he is looking for progress not perfection. He is not tapping his toes in disapproval because of all the ways you fall short, rather he wants you to keep growing in these areas, keep making progress, excel still the more!

E. Now in verse sixteen he gives us the reason why he has told you to watch over your character and teaching.

1. Read

2. The reason is that when you do this, it will save, it will deliver, it will set free, both yourself and those you minister to from being ensnared and destroyed by ungodly living, false teaching and apostasy!

### III. Conclusion

A. Josh, my challenge to you as you are ordained today, and to every other youth and leader here is that in light of all your other responsibilities both in life and ministry, give a special focus, actually take pains to focus upon becoming a black belt in godly character, biblical truth and further developing your gifts! It will benefit both yourself and those you seek to lead!