

TRUTHS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

EMIT THE EXAMPLE (1 TIMOTHY 4-6)

Memory Verse: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

II Timothy 3:16



2 Timothy 3:16

- **Emit-** to issue with authority; to give utterance or voice to
- The Church does not only need better exegesis, we need better **examples**; we need people that will give voice with their lives to Biblical truth with authority for others to follow.
 - 1 Timothy 4:12
- **Example** is the Greek word **typos** which means pattern, model, or example
- People have heard the Church speak and sing, but they are watching for the Church to show (serve) the Gospel
- We must stop proclaiming do as I say, and replace it with do as I do!

1. Emit Jesus through Discipline

- 1 Timothy 4:7-8
- Exercise (**gymnazo**) means to train, discipline oneself. It is not something that comes naturally.

2. Emit Jesus through the Word

- 1 Timothy 4:13,15
- Exegesis without Example is Empty

3. Emit Jesus through Leadership

- 1 Timothy 5:1-2
- How you lead the family of God reveals how you follow our Father
 - 1 Timothy 5:17-18
- Leaders are to be honored because they set an honorable example through service
 - 1 Timothy 6:2

4. Emit Jesus through Contentment

- 1 Timothy 6:6,8
- When money becomes your master, Jesus is mocked. When Jesus is your master, money is minimalized.

5. Emit Jesus by Following Him

- 1 Timothy 6:11
- You cannot follow and flee the same things. You must choose which you follow and which you flee!

- 1 Timothy 6:12
- God often accomplishes extraordinary things through ordinary people who are extraordinarily disciplined in obedience.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Do you emit the truths of Jesus or the lies of the enemy?

Questions:

1. Read 1 Timothy 4:16; Titus 2:7-10; Matthew 7:21-23; James 1:22-25; Philippians 1:27. Paul tells Timothy to protect his doctrine and his demeanor. Where is the greatest potential disconnect between what you say you believe and how you actually live? How does this relate to family? Work? Finances? Relationships? What would your closest family member say is the strongest evidence of your Christianity? What is your greatest contradiction? Write down one area where your behavior needs to come into greater conformity with your biblical convictions.
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:11; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 10:14; 2 Timothy 2:22; Psalm 119:9-11; Romans 13:14. Paul commands Timothy to flee and to follow. Why is merely trying to stop sinful behavior often not successful? What sinful patterns need to be removed from your life? What godly practices need to be placed in your life? What temptation do you need to stop negotiating with? Identify one practical boundary you will establish and one spiritual discipline you will increase.
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Matthew 6:19-24; Luke 12:13-21; Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. What is the proper relationship a believer should have with money? What is the difference between possessing wealth and being possessed by wealth? If someone examined your spending for the past six months, what would it suggest you value most? What's one change you can make in your spending that would align you with Jesus?
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:12; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Psalm 78:4-7; Proverbs 20:7; Titus 2:1-8; 2 Timothy 1:5. What kind of example are you leaving for the next generation? Who is currently watching your life? How are they learning about prayer? Scripture? Forgiveness? Faithfulness? Who is your Paul (the person setting the example for you) and who is your Timothy (the person you are setting the example for)?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Matthew 24:44; 1 John 2:28; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:10-14; Revelation 22:12. If Christ returned today, what would you wish you had changed or done differently? What area would become more important to you? What relationship would you repair? What people would be following you to the presence of Jesus? Emit the example today for others to follow because we do not know how much time we have!