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"Be Thou an Example"

I Tim 4:12 (11-16)

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I. Introduction:

A.) Everyone knows the value of an example or pattern.

1.) Good ones to be followed

a.) Ex 40:25 and he lighted the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses. (~~[illegible]~~)

GIVING AT THE ALTAR Matt 5:23-24 Pg 1017

SEVEN LAMPS →

b.) I Pet 5:3 Neither as being lords ~~[illegible]~~ over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1.) Part of the duties of the elders, but we all should be examples.

2.) Bad to be avoided

a.) I Sam 8:1-5 Pg ~~[illegible]~~ 329

1.) 1st king over Israel chosen - Saul. Chp 10

b.) I Sam 16:7 Pg ~~[illegible]~~ 341

1.) Saul is in disfavor with the Lord and Samuel is looking for his replacement.

2.) David is chosen by the Lord.

c.) James 4:4 Pg 1286

FRIEND OF THE WORLD

1.) Temptations of the world.

PLEASURES FOR A SEASON

d.) I John 2:15-17 Pg ~~[illegible]~~ 1297

2.) We came into this world with nothing, and we are not taking anything with us when we die.

B.) We must watch for the danger signals around us - our neighbors, teachers, associates, ~~parents~~ FAMILY - all influence us.

1.) It is up to each and everyone of us to watch how we use this influence, or let it use us.

C.) It is what is in your heart as to how you conduct your life here on earth.

HOW CAN WE

II. Be an Example In:

A.) "Word"

1.) Matt 12:34-37 Pg ~~[illegible]~~ 1027 IDLE WORDS SPOKEN AMONG "FRIENDS"

SLANG (GOD)

2.) Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

3.) Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

HURT SOMEONE BY WHAT YOU SAY

"Be Thou an Example"

BE AN EXAMPLE IN

4.) I Pet 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

5.) Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

COLD + SPITTING WARM + LOVING

B.) "Manner of Life"

People are watching us

1.) Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. FEEL HATE - IT SHOWS

COLD HEART 2.) Prov 23:7 (In part) For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

3.) Matt 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

TRYING TO LOOK GOOD TO MEN

4.) Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

example to your husband

5.) I Pet 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

C.) "Love"

"All" not just an hour on Sunday morning.

1.) Matt 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

2.) John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Influence but let it put their love before your love of God.

3.) John 15: 12-13 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

4.) I John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Not hard if we want to live them

5.) I Cor 8:10-11 Pg 1203 SEEN DRINKING - WHAT EXAMPLE ARE YOU GIVING?

a) ~~This should be changed to~~

D.) "FAITH" Rom 10:10

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1.) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

SHIELD LEFT ON SHELF

2.) Eph 6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

3.) I Thess 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

a) Keep studying the Bible - keep yourself prepared.

"Be Thou an Example"
BE AN EXAMPLE IN FAITH

4.) I John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

a.) If we are not prepared or strong in the faith - how are we going to defend ourselves against those that come against us?

BIBLE HAS TO BE OPENED

b.) This calls for buckling on the "shield of faith."

E.) "Purity"

1.) Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

a.) keep yours~~elf unspotted from the~~ thoughts and intentions of your heart clean, because God knows what you are thinking.

a) Purity is much needed in men and women; both young and old.

2.) I Tim 5:1&2, Pg ~~906~~ 1262

DON'T LET THE WORLD "SPOT" YOU

3.) James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. (PURE)

4.) II Pet 3:11-12 pg ~~1289~~ 1295

a.) How are we living our lives here?

1.) Daily - looking for + WORKING FOR the coming of Christ.

OR ARE WE

2.) Worldly - where even thing will be burned up.

5.) I Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

KEEP NOT ONLY OUR BODY IN ~~Subject~~ SUBJECTION BUT

a.) Not just your physical body, but your spiritual body as well.

1.) Our physical body will be left behind when we die,

III. Conclusion:

1.) The need for "good" examples are great.

a.) Watch out for "Our minister does so and so and he is wise and good."

2.) Think about this "If every member of this church were just like me, what kind of church would this church be?"

3.) If you are an example, what kind of an example are you?

a.) good or bad.