

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 4:11-16 & 5:1-4 Lesson #9

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

11-12 These things command and teach. **Let no one DESPISE your YOUTH**, but be an example to the believers in the word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

• **I Samuel 17:42** “And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained (despised) him; for he was only a _____, ruddy and good-looking.”

Definition: “Let no one DESPISE your YOUTH” – Despise means to look down on someone or something, to hold in contempt. Timothy was a very young pastor compared to most pastors of that day.

Because he had been personally taught by the Apostle Paul, he was probably wise beyond his years.

Age alone does not make a person wise, or a good Bible teacher, or a good pastor. How much studying of God's word, and putting it into practice, is more important than just being older in years. **Two of the greatest men of God in the Old Testament were VERY YOUNG when God first called them into service: Samuel and David.**

• **I Samuel 2:18 & 26** “But _____ before the _____, even as a _____, wearing a linen ephod.” (Verse 26) “And the _____ grew in stature, and in _____ both with the _____ and men.”

• **I Samuel 3:1** “Now the _____ ministered to the _____ before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.”

• **I Samuel 3:19-20** “So _____ grew, and the _____ was _____ him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that _____ had been _____ as a _____ of the _____”

• **I Samuel 16:11-13** “And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all the young men here?’ Then he said, ‘There remains yet the _____, and there he is, keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him. For we will not sit down until he comes here.’ So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, ‘Arise, _____ him; for this is the one!’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and _____ him (made him king) in the midst of his brothers; and the _____ of the _____ came upon _____ from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.”

• **I Samuel 17:13-14** “The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. The names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. _____ was the _____. And the three oldest followed Saul.”

13-14 Till I come, **give attention to READING, to EXHORTATION, to DOCTRINE.** Do not neglect the **GIFT that is in you, which was GIVEN to YOU by prophecy with the LAYING on of the HANDS of the PRESBYTERY.**

• **II Timothy 1:6** “Therefore I remind you to stir up the _____ of _____ which is in you through the _____ on of my _____.”

• **Hebrews 6:1-2** “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of _____, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the _____ of repentance from dead works and of _____ toward _____, of the _____ of baptisms, of _____ on of _____, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

• **Colossians 4:17** "Take heed to the _____ which _____ have _____ in the _____, that you may _____ it."

Definition: "Give attention to **READING**, to **EXHORTATION**, to **DOCTRINE**" – Reading would be the reading of Scripture, **exhortation would be preaching the Scriptures to others and correcting their mistakes**, and **DOCTRINE would be just laying a good FOUNDATION of CORRECT teaching of God's word**. These are the things that Paul told Timothy to make his priority as a pastor of a church.

• **Jude 3** "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common _____, I found it necessary to write to you _____ you to contend (fight) earnestly for the _____ which was _____ for _____ delivered to the saints."

• **II Peter 1:1-2** "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained _____ precious _____ with us by the righteousness of our _____ and _____ Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of _____ and of Jesus our _____."

Definition: "GIFT that is in you, which was GIVEN to YOU by prophecy with the LAYING on of the HANDS" – Timothy's SPIRITUAL GIFTS were most likely the GIFT of pastor, the GIFT of teacher, and probably some others, such as exhortation. **All spiritual GIFTS are given to us by God**, not by men, but Paul is referring here to **the ceremony of laying on of hands of all the elders in the church (a group of ELDERS is sometimes called the presbytery)**. **We do this today in our churches, and we call it an ORDINATION service**. Someone who feels he is being led by God to be a pastor or go into the ministry in some way will stand before the members of the congregation, and **the pastors and elders will LAY HANDS on them** and pray and commission them into God's service.

• **John 3:27** "John answered and said, "A man can _____ nothing unless it has been _____ to him from _____."

• **I Corinthians 4:7** "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not _____ [from God]? Now if you did indeed _____ it, why do you glory as if you had not received it?"

• **Hebrews 5:4** "And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is _____ by _____, just as Aaron was."

• **Ephesians 4:11-13** "And He Himself _____ some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some _____ and _____, for the equipping of the saints for the _____ of _____, for the _____ of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and the _____ of the Son of God, to a perfect (mature) man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"

• **I Corinthians 12:27-30** "Now you are the _____ of _____, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first _____, second _____, third _____, after that miracles, then _____ of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all _____? Are all _____? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all _____ with _____? Do all interpret?"

• **Romans 12:4-8** "For as we have _____ in one body, but all the _____ do _____ have the same _____, so we, being many, are _____ in Christ, and individually members of _____. Having then _____ differing according to the grace that is _____ to us, let us _____ them: if _____, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry (serving), let us use it in our _____; he who _____, in teaching; he who _____, in _____; he who gives, with liberality (generosity); he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

15-16 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, **that your PROGRESS may be EVIDENT to ALL. TAKE HEED to yourself and to the DOCTRINE.** Continue in them, for **in doing this YOU WILL SAVE both yourself and THOSE who HEAR you.**

•James 1:21 “Therefore lay _____ all _____ and overflow of _____, and receive with meekness the implanted _____, which is able to _____ your _____.”

Definition: “That your PROGRESS may be EVIDENT to ALL” – Again, Timothy was a very young pastor, so Paul is referring to Timothy’s PROGRESS or GROWTH as he continues to be a good pastor of the congregation there.

Definition: “TAKE HEED to yourself and to the DOCTRINE” – Take heed means to pay attention or look carefully. Paul has already told **Timothy to continue in good, solid biblical doctrine or teaching,** and he is telling him again here.

Definition: “The implanted WORD, which is able to SAVE your SOULS” – It is the **WORD of God** that is the seed which causes a person to be born of God and saved, but in this context, the phrase “save your souls” does not mean our initial salvation and receiving eternal life. In this context, where James is talking to “the Brethren”, meaning those who are already Christians and “saved”, it means **a RENEWING of our MINDS, as the mind is part of the SOUL.** This is the same for what Paul tells Timothy when he says, **“In doing this YOU WILL SAVE both yourself and THOSE who HEAR you.”** We “receive the implanted word” every time we hear a sermon or Bible study, or read God’s word on our own, if we really pay attention and receive His word “with meekness” (humility), which means a teachable spirit. Peter calls it **“desiring the pure milk of the WORD”** for “baby Christians”, and also that it is through **these PRECIOUS PROMISES from GOD’S WORD** that we become “partakers of God’s own divine nature”. We become partakers (take part in) God’s nature as **we are transformed into the image of His Son Jesus Christ,** and this happens as our minds are renewed and “saved” by the word of God.

•II Corinthians 7:1 “Therefore, having these _____, beloved, let us cleanse _____ from all _____ of the _____ and _____, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

•II Peter 1:4 “By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious _____, that through _____ you may be partakers of the _____ nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

•I Peter 2:1-2 “Therefore, _____ all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy and all evil speaking, as newborn _____, desire the pure milk of the _____, that you may _____ thereby.”

•Proverbs 4:4 “...let your heart _____ My _____; keep my commandments and _____.”

•Romans 12:2 “And do not be conformed to this world, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____ that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

•Romans 8:29 “For whom He foreknew, him He also predestinated (planned ahead) to be _____ to the _____ of His _____, that He (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Chapter 5

1-2 **Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father,** the younger men as brothers, the older women as mothers, the younger as sisters, with all purity.

• **Leviticus 19:32** “You shall rise before the _____ headed and _____ the _____ of an _____ man, and fear your God; I am the Lord.”

• **Titus 2:2-3** “That the _____ be sober, _____, temperate, sound in _____, in love, in patience; the _____ women likewise, that they be _____ in _____, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—“

3-4 Honor **widows who are really widows**. But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety (religion) at home and **to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God**. Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

• **James 1:27** “_____ and _____ religion before _____ and the Father is this: to visit _____ and _____ in their _____, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

• **Psalms 146:9** “The Lord watches over the strangers; He _____ the _____ and the _____; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.”

• **Psalms 68:5** “A father of the _____, a defender of _____ is _____ in His holy habitation.”

• **Deuteronomy 10:18** “He administers justice for the _____ and the _____, and _____ the stranger, giving him _____ and _____.”

Definition: “To visit ORPHANS and WIDOWS in their trouble” – “To visit ORPHANS and WIDOWS” means more than just dropping by to see them. **It means to take care of them financially - to feed and provide housing for them.** Taking care of orphans (“the fatherless”) and widows was an important part of the life of the early Christian church. There was no welfare system for a woman to turn to if her husband died, and **if she didn’t have adult children who could take her into their home and provide for her**, the church was supposed to care for her. In Acts 6:1-4, we see the early church having a problem between the Jewish believers and the Greek converts in how the widows were being cared for. Evidently, there was one or more common meals served at the church, because the first deacons of the church were chosen to deal with “serving tables” for the widows, so that the twelve apostles would not be burdened. **“She who is really a widow, and left alone”** means a woman who truly had no family to take care of her, and if she were too old to consider remarriage, Paul told the church to provide for such widows and “take her into the number” of widows being provided for by the church.

• **Acts 6:1-4** “Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their _____ were neglected in the daily _____. Then the Twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, ‘It is not desirable that we should leave the _____ of _____ and _____ tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the _____ and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this _____; but we will give ourselves continually to _____ and to the ministry of the _____.’”