

Young (taught in February 2019)

**1 Timothy 4:12** Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

*Optional discussion questions/conversation starters:*

- New Testament or Old Testament? What type of writing is this? (a letter) Who wrote it? (Paul) To whom? (Timothy) How many letters do we have that Paul wrote to Timothy? (two)
- Who was Timothy? (There is so much I could write! If you have a study Bible, you can find information in the introduction to this book, or you can look it up online. The bare minimum is that Timothy was very dear to Paul, they shared many Christian experiences together, and Paul instructed Timothy to care for the church in Ephesus while Paul went on to Macedonia.)
- Why does Paul write this letter to Timothy? (When Paul realized that he would not be returning to Ephesus in the near future, he wrote to continue to instruct Timothy on how to care for the church in Ephesus.)
- What does it mean for someone to “look down on you”?
- Why would someone look down on you “because you are young”?
- What does it mean to “set an example”?
- What does it mean to “set an example for the believers”?
- How do we set an example “in speech”?
- How do we set an example “in life”?
- How do we set an example “in love”?

- How do we set an example “in faith”?
- How do we set an example “in purity”?
- Why is it important that we do these things?
- Ask each person to share something for which they would like prayed. Close in prayer (can be led by one person or each person can pray), specifically including everyone’s prayer requests, and asking Jesus to help you set an example for the believers in these specific ways.
- Finish by singing the song again!

*Optional activity during the week: 1 Timothy 4:12 Letter or Drawing (below)*

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[May 24, 2020 – Word of God](#)

[May 17, 2020 – More Than Conquerors](#)

[May 10, 2020 – The Light of the World](#)

[May 3, 2020 – The Good Song](#)

[April 26, 2020 – The Word of the Lord](#)

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[April 12, 2020 – Jesus Christ is Lord](#)

[April 5, 2020 – Out of the Mud](#)

[March 29, 2020 - Treasure](#)

[March 22, 2020 – Do Not Be Anxious](#)

Get some paper and a pen to write a letter or draw a picture! Let's send a note of joy and encouragement to someone. It can be to your family, a friend, a neighbor, or even someone you don't know in an assisted care facility in our community.

How can you be an example to believers by writing a letter or drawing a picture?

In **Speech** \_\_\_\_\_

In **Life** \_\_\_\_\_

In **Love** \_\_\_\_\_

In **Faith** \_\_\_\_\_

In **Purity** \_\_\_\_\_

How can we use all five of these in a letter? It might be choosing some careful kind words to say you care (example in speech), drawing a picture of the rainbow after the flood (example in purity), and telling the story of God's promise to us and hope (example in faith). By thinking of others' needs (example in life) and using the love of Jesus to reach out to someone (example in love), you are being an example to believers young and old.