

## Show Yourself an Example...

### (1 Timothy 4:12)

Every generation has famous people who they consider to be "role models." Today they include the likes of Taylor Swift, Tiger Woods, LeBron James, Kanye West, Johnny Depp, and Justin Beiber. Unfortunately, many of these celebrities our kids "idolize" are not true role models at all. Many of them use filthy language; they are immoral, dishonest, selfish, and self-serving.

This is why for the past couple of days we have been considering God's role models for our youth. We have had special studies on faithful servants of God like Joseph, Ruth, Mary, David, Josiah, and Jesus. These are heroes and role models not only for our youth, but for us all!

In this lesson I want to talk about how God expects YOU to be a role model. In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul gives us five things that God says we must do if we are going to be a righteous example to those around us. *God expects us to be role models of godly living...*

- I. **In \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - A. How we talk can determine...
    1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 12:36-37).
    2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (James 3:8-10).
    3. What we are \_\_\_\_\_ into our minds (Matthew 12:34-35).
    4. Our level of maturity and consideration for others (Proverbs 15:4).
  - B. People who are truly devoted to God...
    1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:29).
    2. Don't use the Lord's name in \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Don't say hurtful things to others.
    4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 20:19; 26:20).
- II. **In \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - A. Jesus says our conduct impacts people's lives (Matthew 5:14-16). David's actions with Bathsheba impacted others in a negative way (2 Samuel 12:14).
  - B. When the people in the world observe us, they should see what being a disciple is all about!
- III. **In \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - A. One of the fruits of the spirit is love (Galatians 5:22).
  - B. A person of love is going to be...
    1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 2:3-5).
    2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 13:4; Ephesians 4:32).
    3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:32).
    4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:10).
    5. Living by the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:12)
- IV. **In \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - A. We live in a world where the faith is Christians is constantly under attack!
  - B. No matter what happens, we have to continue to stand on what the Bible says about homosexuality (1 Corinthians 6:9), creation (Genesis 1:1), inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and Jesus (John 14:6). We must possess a solid and strong faith that will never compromise what we know is true.
- V. **In \_\_\_\_\_ . Being pure means...**
  - A. You will save yourself for your future spouse.
  - B. We will be faithful to our spouses (Hebrews 13:4).
  - C. We will stay away from pornography (Proverbs 15:3; Matthew 5:27-28).