

CREDIBILITY

That Thy Profiting May Appear to All

1 Tim 4:13-16

1 Timothy 4:12 *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example*

1. Speech

2. Testimony ... *in conversation*,

3. Love ... *in charity*, total giving, sacrificial love.

4. Spirit ...*in spirit*, attitude, discernment

5. Faithful ...*in faith*, Trusting God. Faithful and loyal Consistent/constant

6. Pure ...*in purity* chaste, pure,

15.... *that thy profiting may appear to all*. That everyone will see your advancement...growth...progress

Profiting: *pioneer advance*.

Soldiers go ahead of troops.

Clear obstacles and make possible to follow.

Your success obvious to all.

I. Emphasize the Word

Till I come: 1 Tim 3:14

Paul's desire to come as quickly as possible to Ephesus.

Aware Timothy in state of extreme frustration.

give attendance to: to hold toward. Keep on putting mind or focus on this

A. Reading

1. To others.

2. To self

Negative: Pay close attention to the "reading" in the church.

Monitor what read

Positive: Make sure God's Word taken into pulpits.

Mac: *Timothy was to continually give his attention to those things; it was to be his way of life. Donald Guthrie writes that the verb "implies previous preparation in private" (The Pastoral Epistles, rev. ed. [Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990], 109). It encompasses not just the act of teaching, but all the commitment, study, and preparation associated with it.*

Every worship service in synagogue included reading of OT.

Then came exposition Luke 4:16ff.; Acts 15:21

Col. 4:16 1 Thess. 5:27 2 Tim. 4:2

Why the Word?

Growth: 1 Pet. 2:2

Cleanses: John 15:3

Sanctifies: John 17:17
Powerful: Heb. 4:12 Jer. 23:29
Impact: Isa. 55:11
Converts soul: Psa. 19:7 .
Sweet Psa. 119:103
Success Josh. 1:8
Prosperity Psa. 1:1-3
God's will Psa. 119:105
Strength during affliction Psa. 119:107
Victory over sin Psa. 119:9-11
Makes wiser than enemies Psa. 119:97-100
Makes perfect 2 Tim. 3:16-17

B. Exhortation

Exhort: build up, strengthen, challenge, instruct, comfort, build, rebuke...causes growth.

Mac: ...*may take the form of rebuke, warning, counsel, or comfort, but always involves a binding of the conscience.*

Neh. 8:3, 8

Make sure Word of God brought into pulpit, read and proclaimed

Make sure people know application

Reason: produces growth.

C. Doctrine. Teaching.

Systematic and thorough teaching of scriptures.

You are what you are because of your doctrine.

Your doctrine dictates your lifestyle.

We are product of what believe which is product of our doctrine.

le. Theology--God---view of God... Determines attitude toward sin....

Prov. 1:7 Prov. 9:10

Omniscient—all knowing

Omnipotent—all powerful

Omnipresent—all present

Holiness of God....

Heb. 10:31 Heb. 12:29

le. Bibliology—Bible (Every word? Acctbty?)

le. Christology—Christ--Blood, Virgin birth, Deity, Sinlessness

le. Ecclesiology—Church—affect our attendance? Bride of Christ: Priority?

le. Soteriology—Salvation—eternal security; repentance?

Phil 1:6 1 Jn 5:13

ie. Pneumatology—Holy Spirit

Rom. 8:9 1 Cor. 3:16 1 Cor. 3:17

Baptism—1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:5
Filling, Grieving, Quenching, walking in Spirit, Spiritual gifts.

II. Use Spiritual Gift 1 Tim. 4:14

Gift—charisma—grace gift.

1 Cor 12:4-6 –8

1. Motivational
2. Ministry
3. Manifestation

Neglect not (present imperative) Do not keep on neglecting the spiritual endowment which is in you!

Don't be careless

Keep attending to it diligently—use it!

Presbytery: Pastors of local churches

... laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Identification.

Wuest: *The outward act and ceremony symbolizing the fact that Timothy was to be identified with the elders in the common work of the ministry of*

We support you and certify you!

Done in OT when Rabbi was ordained

le. Joshua—ordained by Moses Num 27:18-23; Dt. 34:9

le. 7 Deacons—Acts 6:6

le. Barnabus and Saul—Acts 13:3

Identification

Certification

Fellowship

Never find in Word of God a man has to be ordained to preach Gospel.

So What?

1. Are you emphasizing Word of God in personal and public life?—Reading, Exhortation, Doctrine.

2. Are you using or neglecting the gift that is in you?