

1 Timothy 4:11-16 (ESV)

Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

1 Timothy 4:11-16 (ESV)

15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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Devote – To give full attention, a way of life

- Public Reading of Scripture

Scripture read and meaning taught

Luke 4:16-21 (ESV)

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read... 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them...

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- *Exhortation*

A challenge to apply what has been taught.

Acts 13:15 (ESV)

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.”

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- *Exhortation*

Our response to the reading of Scripture involves reorienting our basic assumptions, attitudes, and opinions to it.

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- *Teaching*

Systematic –developing a means to teach the word of God individually or groups

Acts 20:20 (ESV)

I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house.

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Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. 1

Timothy 4:14 (ESV)

- Don't Give Up

2 Timothy 1:6-9 (ESV)

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:6-9 (ESV)

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace

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Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.

1 Timothy 4:15 (ESV)

- Be committed to being an example
 - Practice
 - Immerse

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Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16 (ESV)

- Keep a close watch on yourself and keep the end in mind
 - Perseverance
 - Witness



**Devoted
& Disciplined**