

1 Timothy 4:10-16

LESSON 19

Be Thou an Example

1. 1 Timothy 4:10-11 – The Reason for Suffering

- a. *“suffer reproach”* – from others because we do not satisfy the flesh – Col 2:16
- b. The weak are the ones that judge you – Romans 14:3, 1 Cor 4:3
- c. Why do we suffer? Answer: because we trust in the living God – 2 Cor 1:9, Rom 5:3
- d. God who is the Saviour – Jesus is fully God with every deity attribute!
- e. *“all men”* – which destroys Calvinism’s limited atonement – 2 Cor 5:19; 1Ti 2:4-6
- f. *“specially of those that believe”* – which destroys universalism - Eph 1:13; 2Th1:8
- g. A good minister suffers reproach for the sake of souls saved – 1 Cor 9:22; 2Ti 2:10

2. 1 Timothy 4:12 – Youth and Being An Example

- a. *“thy youth”* – Tim is young, and an encouragement to youth taking responsibility
 - i. Don’t let your age hold you back from getting started – Rom 1:15, 1Ki 3:5-15
 - ii. Youth sing, lust, lament, are lewd, kind, strong, zealous, ignorant, married
 - iii. We ought not glory in young-mindedness – youth need to learn/grow
 - iv. Have child-like faith, heart of a child, think like a child are not in the Bible
- b. *“let no man despise”* – Men despise youth for its weaknesses, so ... grow up
 - i. You can behave/learn/be wise/disciplined/discern beyond your years
 - ii. How? Get wisdom and understanding - Pro 1, 4:5,7, 16:16; 1Co 1:25; Co 2:3
 - iii. Scientific/technical knowledge is not the same as understanding/wisdom
- c. *“be thou an example”* - When youth are an example, the future is bright.

3. 1 Timothy 4:13 – Reading, Exhortation, Doctrine

- a. Give attention to ... not tithes, food pantry, youth group, polls, tradition ...
- b. Can be taken as both a personal and public priority – but the context is personal
- c. Reading – for what you can’t learn by experience (most things), pick up a book.
- d. Exhortation – counsel given through words intended to incite/encourage/motivate
- e. Doctrine – what is taught in scripture, and must be rightly divided – Ti 2:1; 2Ti 3:16

4. 1 Timothy 4:14-16 – Take Heed Unto Thyself

- a. These verses raise questions, but are focused on Tim’s personal situation/gifts
- b. The gifts were by the Spirit to establish the church & signs to Jews – 1Co 1:22, 12:7
- c. Laying on of hands occurred to bestow power – Num 27:23; Acts 8:12-17; 19:6
- d. Timothy was one of those gifts in Eph 4:11-16, but now the power is the gospel, and the Spirit is given to all that believe (no hands needed) – Eph 1:13
- e. *“give thyself wholly to them”* – the things in ch. 4; not whatever his heart desires
- f. *“them that hear thee”* -The purpose of his personal work is for the benefit of others