

Proper Youthful Conduct

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Timothy's Charge and Challenge

- His Goals
 - Strengthen the brethren
 - **1 Timothy 4:6**
 - Defend against false doctrine
 - **1 Timothy 1:3-4**
 - Serve as an example of godly conduct
 - **1 Timothy 4:12**
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Timothy's Charge and Challenge

- His Obstacles
 - Big shoes to fill
 - **Paul had converted many of these Christians**
 - His youth
 - **The young are not generally considered wise**
 - False teachers
 - **Many were working to destroy the Truth**
 - Society immersed in pagan influences
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"Let no one despise your youth."

- Respect Must Be Earned
 - This requires much time and effort
 - You Are Not Alone
 - Older Christians are pulling hard for you!
 - We know it is difficult in this society
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- Focus On What You Can Change
 - Proper Speech
 - **Ephesians 4:29**
 - Proper Humility
 - **James 4:6**
 - Proper Gratitude
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:18**
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- Focus On What You Can Change
 - Develop A Helpful Attitude
 - **Galatians 6:10**
 - Stand For The Truth
 - **Ephesians 4:14-15, 1 Timothy 1:3-4**
 - Grow In Maturity
 - **Titus 2:6-8**
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You Need God's Strength

- "Give attention to reading..."
 - Faith, knowledge and wisdom will come
 - "Meditate on these things..."
 - Make His word part of you and your conduct will reflect it
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You Need God's Strength

- “That your progress may be evident...”
 - It will be impossible to hide – people will notice the change!
 - “Take heed to yourself and the doctrine.”
 - It will take patient, determined effort, but it is well worth it.
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Enjoy The Results of Your Effort!

- Paul expected Timothy to be successful
 - Despite the great difficulties facing Timothy, Paul expected him to rise to the challenge
 - You can develop proper godly conduct
 - Though the challenge to live a godly life in this generation is tremendous, you can do it!
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