

Youth Weekend 2026 Notes

1 Timothy 4:12

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Main Point: Don't judge people who are different than you.

Expectations

1. Despise means to look down upon, hold contempt for, _____, or scorn.
2. This is a call both for the young leader to live above _____ and for the congregation to honor God-given leadership regardless of age.
3. It is frustrating when a leader does not lead well.
4. Paul clearly sees _____ in Timothy that he did not see in himself.
5. If Timothy was not stepping up, the church of Ephesus could have viewed him _____.
6. Maybe the Ephesian church was wishing for _____ to be their leader instead of Timothy.
7. Maybe Timothy did a great job, but the expectations they had for him were too _____.
8. If these are the expectations placed upon you simply because of your age, then do not live up to these expectations.
9. It works both ways because sometimes the younger people diss the older generations as _____ and out of touch.
10. Do not let anyone look down on you because of your life circumstances, but set an _____ for believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.
11. If we are the ones looking at others with unreasonable expectations, then we should look at ourselves in the mirror and exercise more _____.
12. If we find ourselves thinking so _____ of ourselves that we suppress who God has made us to be then this is a problem too.
13. The standard that God places upon believers should become the standard we _____ for.
14. God does not have a small vision for our lives. His will for us is _____ labor, Christ-honoring ministry, and eternal-shaping influence.

Paul's Method

1. Paul urges Timothy and all believers to keep watch over their _____ (Ephesians 4:29).
 - Begins with recognizing the _____ of our words to build up or to tear down (Proverbs 18:21).
 - Is someone whose words are "always full of grace, seasoned with salt" (Colossians 4:6), aimed at _____ and edifying rather than criticizing, humiliating, or gossiping.
 - Means speaking _____ but with love (Ephesians 4:15), avoiding unwholesome talk (Proverbs 4:24), and only saying what is helpful and encouraging (Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:8, James 3:9-10)
 - Since our words reflect Christ, we must strive to resolve conflicts peacefully, offer words of gratitude and praise, and opt for _____ over unnecessary negativity.

- The _____ and intent behind our words are just as important as the words themselves.
2. Our _____ should be unmistakable as believers.
- Living a life worthy of imitation means embodying the _____ of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - We need _____ in both public life and private moments, ensuring that our actions align with the teachings and character of Christ (1 Peter 2:21, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 2:5-8, 1 John 2:6).
 - We imitate Jesus by showing _____ to strangers, avoiding hypocrisy, maintaining honesty in our relationships and professional dealings, and extending forgiveness when we are wronged (Ephesians 4:32-5:2, Colossians 3:13).
3. In _____.
- The love Jesus exemplified was not mere affection but rather a selfless, _____ love that mirrors God's love for humanity (John 13:35).
 - Involves _____, generosity, and a willingness to serve. It extends beyond family and friends to embrace strangers, outcasts, and even enemies.
 - Godly love is _____, kind, and not self-seeking (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).
4. In _____.
- Means living with _____ in God's promises, even in the face of uncertainty or adversity (Hebrews 11:1).
 - It is demonstrated through _____, worship, good deeds, and obedience to God's Word (Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 4:18-21, James 1:22-25, 2:14-26).
 - Others are _____ when they see us trusting God through difficult seasons, remaining steadfast in trials, and praising Him in times of blessing (1 Corinthians 15:58, James 1:2-4).
5. In _____.
- Purity is freedom from anything which _____.
 - Encompasses _____ area of life - our thoughts, intentions, and actions (Philippians 4:8, Matthew 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, 1 Peter 1:15-16, James 1:27).
 - We should ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and empower us to walk in _____ and guard our hearts against the corrupting influences of the world (Romans 12:2).
 - We _____ ourselves in God's Word (Psalm 119:9-11), depending on the Lord for strength and running from temptation (James 4:7, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Timothy 2:22).
 - We set healthy _____, cultivate wholesome habits, and develop accountability.
 - It is achievable through God's _____ and guidance.
 - Every follower of Christ is called to live a life of integrity, intentionality, and influence that reflects our Savior's love and _____.