

DY TAKEOVER

The logo consists of a teal speech bubble shape. Inside, the words "talk it" are in a white, bold, sans-serif font, and "over" is in a white, cursive script font below it.

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KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 4.11-12

PURSUE GOD

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

At this time in history young men were considered adults after they reached puberty. In fact, though we often picture the disciples as older-in their 20s or 30s- when Jesus called the Twelve it's likely they would have been in their early to mid-teens. Timothy was a young man who is believed to have come to faith at some point during Paul's first missionary journey, and later accompanied Paul on some of his travels. At some point Paul wrote to Timothy to encourage him and remind him of the call he has on his life. Paul asked the young Timothy to be a leader in the local church and stand up to false teachers and their teachings. He did this because Paul trusted Timothy. He trusted the work God had done in and was doing through him, and what he himself had taught his student. And while Timothy was a young, Paul reminded Timothy that his confidence was not in his own wisdom or ability, but in Jesus. He must not let others look down on him because of his age, but set an example for others to follow Jesus. And Timothy could do this because he had a relationship with the Lord. He was connected. What Timothy lacked in age and experience, he could find in dependence on the wisdom that comes from God. Wisdom that would guide his speech, shape his conduct, express his love towards people, display his faith in God, and reflect the purity of heart Jesus had given him.

LOVE LIFE

God uses those who are willing, not those who have reached a certain number of trips around the sun. And He isn't as concerned about our age, as He is what we are doing with today.

Is your age holding you back from doing the things God has called you to do? If so what does Scripture say about age?

Do you feel you're too YOUNG to lead? Why?

Do you think you're too OLD for God to still use you? Why?