Lesson 7: Leadership

Today's Bible Story

Timothy was going to become a pastor. Because he was young and new in the ministry, Paul decided to give him some fatherly advice. Paul's words were meant to encourage Timothy and teach him how to be a solid Christian leader. Paul wrote:

Share what you've learned with the people of your church, and you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus. After all, you have been trained in the words of the faith, and you have followed good teachings. You are as prepared for this work as anyone.

Have nothing to do with godless, silly, made-up stories. Instead, train yourself to be godly. You know that physical training makes you strong on the outside. But being godly on the inside is even more important, because godliness matters both in this life and in the life to come.

This is a trustworthy advice, and you should take it seriously. The reason we work so hard is because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Be sure to teach these things. Don't let people look down on you because you're young. Instead, set an example for the believers by how you talk and behave. Act in love, faith, and purity.

Until I come, spend time in the public reading of Scriptures, in preaching, and in teaching. Don't neglect your gift, which you received by prophecy when the elders laid hands on you. Instead, work hard, so that everyone can see your progress. Watch yourself, and be careful of what you teach. Don't give up! By keeping at your task, you'll save both yourself and your hearers.



From 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Bible Rhyme

Long ago, Paul wrote a note
to a young man, Timothy.
Paul gave him some good advice
on what leadership should be:

"Turn away from godless myths.
"Listen not to old wives' tales.
"Put your hope in God alone,
"for his guidance never fails.

"Yes, I know that you are young,
"but you still have much to do.
"Speak and live in purity,
"and to Jesus Christ, stay true!"

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Circle nine letters that are hidden in this picture. Unscramble the letters to form a word. Then write the letters on the blank spaces below to complete the Bible verse.



1) Paul told Timothy: *"Train yourself for ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8). What do you think Paul meant?*

2) *Do you think <u>you</u> could become a pastor someday? What skills and training would you need to do this kind of job? Why does the Church need pastors?*

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