

INTRODUCTION.

- A. See **1Timothy 4:12**.
- B. Not only for young people:
 - 1. Qualifications for elders, aside of two, should be practiced by every Christian.
 - 2. We will despise our young people if we are not good examples in these five areas.
- C. Too many times we spend our time on doctrine and not on how to live one's life.
- D. I heard of a man who forgot to get his son a birthday present and in his shame he told his son that he would give him a present of 1 hour every day of time together. It was the best present the boy could have wanted.
- E. Our time that we spend with people is so important. Especially young people.
- F. Bad company corrupts good morals 9 times out of 4. Whoever our children are with is who will teach them. We need to be good examples.

I. BE THOU AN EXAMPLE IN WORD.

- A. Once a word is said then it cannot be brought back, like a bullet shot from a gun.
- B. What we do, and what we like the most, is what we will talk about. To understand what a man is, and what he likes just listen.
- C. See Eph. 4:29.
- D. Let us not be hypocrites (Jas. 3:10,11)!

II. BE THOU AN EXAMPLE IN CONDUCT.

- A. We must change our lives before we can change the lives of others (2Tim. 2:3-7).
- B. My Neighbor's Bible:
 - I am my neighbor's Bible; he reads me when we meet;
 - Today he reads me in my home; tomorrow in the street;
 - He may be relative or friend, or slight acquaintance be;
 - He may not even know my name; yet he is reading me.

 - Dear Christian friends and brothers, if we could only know
 - How faithfully the world records just what we say and do,
 - Oh! we would make our record plain, and labor hard to see,
 - Our worldly neighbors won to Christ while reading you and me. --Selected
- C. Actions do speak louder than words, be sure to abstain from sin and those things that would defile the body.

III. BE THOU AN EXAMPLE IN LOVE.

- A. See 1Jn. 3:14-18.
- B. We know that love is not complete until:
 - 1. We serve others.
 - 2. We love in deed as well as tongue.
 - 3. We lay down our lives for the brethren (v16).
- C. Paul said in the last verse of 1Corinthians 12 that he would show us the most excellent way, and showed us love.
- D. The ideal of love is to put your name in 1Cor. 13 :1-8. Does it fit?

IV. BE THOU AN EXAMPLE IN FAITH.

- A. We pray without faith; like praying for rain and not carrying your umbrellas.

- B. A little boy prayed all night for the mountain to move, and in the morning when it didn't he said, "I didn't think it would anyway."
- C. Faith must be accompanied by works to be effective (Jas. 2:14-18).
- D. State the relationship between faith, works, and glory.
- E. Biblical faith brings rewards (Heb. 11:6).

V. **BE THOU AN EXAMPLE IN PURITY.**

- A. See 1Johh 1:4-10.
- B. Walk the straight and narrow and the world will see a difference.
- C. When I worked at ADM I observed some women that I would like to see spend some time with godly, Christian women. I would like the former to see the righteousness and purity in their lives.
- D. Our minds need to be on things above (Col. 3:1-3; Phil. 4:8).

CONCLUSION.

- A. Let us not despise thy youth by NOT being an example in
 - 1. Word.
 - 2. Conduct.
 - 3. Love.
 - 4. Faith.
 - 5. Purity.
- B. Show God your faith in Him, the purity of your life, by your conduct, of love, and word of your lips, by supporting Illinois Christian Camp with your prayers, and contributions.
- C. At this time we will take up a collection, please give so that precious souls may hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.