

1. Proclaim and explain God's Word, will and ways as the pattern of your life.

- A. "Prescribe" or "command" carries the idea of giving orders with authority.
This requires clarity and [boldness](#).
- ✓ Spiritual leaders should confront sin, unbelief, disobedience without vacillating.
Clear and bold, but gentle, never abusive or ungracious.
 - ✓ All Christ-followers should follow their spiritual leaders' example by being the same way: clear and bold with everyone, but gentle, never abusive or [ungracious](#) to anyone.
- B. "Teach" has the idea of [passing](#) along truth, particularly the things in 4:1-12 as well as in the entire letter.
- C. Command and teach are present tense and indicate continuous action that Timothy should keep on doing as the pattern of life and ministry.

2. Maintain your credibility as the pattern of your life.

- A. No one can discredit your ministry and testimony if it's backed it up with a [godly](#) lifestyle.
- B. Be firm and courageous. Don't be intimidated by your relative youthfulness in life or in Christ or by what others may think of you.

3. Set the example by living God's Word, will and ways as the pattern of your life.

- A. The word "example" is type, pattern, [model](#).
- B. Live like you want others to do the same.
Live the example you want others to [follow](#).
- C. Paul lists 5 areas you should make every effort to be an example to others.
1. Your [speech](#) should be the example for others to follow.
 2. Your [conduct](#) should be the example for others to follow.
 3. Your [love](#) should be the example for others to follow.
 4. Your faith (meaning your [faithfulness](#), unswerving commitment, consistently faithful pattern) should be the example for others to follow.
 5. Your purity (meaning [sexual purity](#)) should be the example for others to follow, living "above reproach" 1 Tim. 3:2
 - ✓ Adultery is sex with someone else's spouse, and it is sin. Exodus 20:14; Matt. 5:19; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Heb. 13:4; Prov. 6:20-35; Prov. 7:1-27
 - ✓ Fornication is sex outside the marriage covenant, between unmarried persons, and it is sin. Col. 3:5-7; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; 1 Thes. 4:3-6
 - ✓ Homosexuality is sex with someone of the same gender, and it is sin. Gen.19; Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:11.

Message

Live the example God wants others to follow.

So What? Now What? Action Points:

- Select one of these area in which to improve your example. _____

- Write some specific thing down that you will start doing in order to improve your example in the area you have selected. _____