

# **Our Youth and the Worldly Culture**

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# "Be an Example..."

(1 Timothy 4:12)

**1 Timothy 4:12** Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example **in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.**

**1 Timothy 4:13** Until I come, devote yourself to the **public reading of Scripture**, to **exhortation**, to **teaching.**

**1 Timothy 4:14** Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

**1 Timothy 4:15** **Meditate upon these things;** give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

**1 Timothy 4:16** Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; **continue in them:** for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

## “Be an Example...”

- **In Speech:** *Watching My Speech*  
**Colossians 4:6** Let your **speech always be gracious**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

**Titus 2:8** and **sound [healthy] speech** that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

**Colossians 3:9** **Do not lie to one another**, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices...

## “Be an Example...”

- **In Conduct:** *How I Live My Life*

**Romans 12:1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God**, which is your rational service.

**Romans 12:2** **Do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who **called you out of darkness** into his marvelous light.

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- **In Conduct: TV**

***Job 31:1** I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?*

***Psalms 101:3** I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.*

***Romans 1:32** Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, **they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.***

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- **In Conduct:** *Music*

***Proverbs 19:27*** *Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.*

***Ecclesiastes 7:5*** *It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the **song of fools**.*

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- **In Love:** *Toward God*

**Ecclesiastes 12:1** Remember also your **Creator in the days of your youth**, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them";

**Matthew 22:37** And he said to him, "You shall **love** the Lord **your God** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind**."

**John 14:15** "If you love me, you will **keep my commandments**."

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- **In Love:** *Toward Family & Friends*

**Ephesians 6:1** Children, **obey your parents** in the Lord, for this is right.

**Ephesians 6:2** “**Honor your father and mother**” (this is the first commandment with a promise),

**1 Samuel 18:1** As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to **the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.**

**1 Samuel 18:3** Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, **because he loved him as his own soul.**

**John 15:13** **Greater love** has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.



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- **In Love:** *Toward Enemies*

**Matthew 5:44** But I say to you, **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you,

**Romans 12:17** **Repay no one evil for evil**, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

**Romans 12:18** **If possible**, so far as it depends on you, **live peaceably with all**.

**Romans 12:20** To the contrary, "**if your enemy is hungry, feed him**; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

**Romans 12:21** Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good**.

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- **In Faith:** *Faithful to God in Christian Service*

**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brothers, **be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Titus 2:7** **Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works**, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,

**James 1:27** **Religion that is pure** and undefiled before God the Father is this: to **visit orphans and widows in their affliction**, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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- **In Purity:** *Keeping My Body Pure from Addictions*

**Daniel 1:8** But **Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself** with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.

**Habakkuk 2:15** "**Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink**— you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness!

**1 Corinthians 6:12** "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but **I will not be dominated by anything.**

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- **In Purity:** *Keeping Myself for my Future Spouse*

**1 Corinthians 6:13** "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. **The body is not meant for sexual immorality**, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

**1 Corinthians 6:18** **Flee from sexual immorality.** Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

**2 Timothy 2:22** **So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness**, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

# Our Youth and the Culture

- **Psalms 119:9** How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
- **Psalms 119:10** With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!



Are we growing children that love the “World” or “God” and “His Word”?

