Students are our Future 1 Timothy 4:7-13

What is a disciple?

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

"...Go and make disciples."

• Being a disciple means to walk as Jesus walked

1 John 2:5-6 (ESV)

"But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him MUST walk as Jesus did."

1Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in *life, in love, in faith and in purity.*

1Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)

Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 4:7-13 (NIV)

^[7] Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

^[8] For physical training is of <u>some</u> value, BUT <u>Godliness</u> has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

^[9]*This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance.*

^[10]*That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our HOPE in the <u>living</u> God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.*

^[11]*Command and teach these things.*

^[12] Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in *life, in love, in faith and in purity.*

^[13]Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

When we walk as Jesus walked we must...

1. Focus

1Timothy 4:7a (NIV) *Have nothing to do with godless myths (chatter) and old wives' tales...*

2. <u>Train</u>

1Timothy 4:7b-9 (NIV) *...rather, train yourself to be godly.*

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What is Godliness?

1 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

'He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.'

3. <u>Labor</u>

1Timothy 4:10 (NIV)

That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our HOPE in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

4. <u>Teach</u>

1Timothy 4:11 (NIV) *Command and teach these things.*

Ephesians 4:12 (NASB) ...Equip the saints for the work of the ministry...

5. <u>Model</u>

1Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

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

6. <u>Devote</u>

1Timothy 4:13 (NIV)

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

1Timothy 4:15-16 (NIV)

^[15] Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

^[16] Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Challenge: Students are our Future, and with us <u>starts TODAY</u>!!!

Commitment:

- I want to become a Disciple
- I want to be Discipled
- I want to make Disciples