

Sunday, July 31st

Title: “Why Christlikeness Matters for Leading”

Text: 1 Timothy 4:12–16

Series: *1 Timothy: How to Church*

(1) Church, don't value age / experience over Christlikeness (v. 12a).

¹² Let no one despise you for your youth,

(2) Leaders, set the believers an example in Christlikeness (v. 12b).

but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

(3) Leaders, keep central the ministry of the Word (vv. 13–16).

A. Devote to Scripture as the public lifeblood of the Church (v. 13).

¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

B. Don't neglect God's gift of Word ministry (vv. 14–15)

¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.

C. Watch your life and your teaching—for the final salvation of your hearers (v. 16).

¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.