

THE EXAMPLE WE SET

2 Timothy 1:3-5

INTRO:

- A. Timothy's mother/grandmother showed him their faith.
- B. What example are you setting for those around you?

I. EXAMPLES SET FOR US:

- A. Noah & Abraham. Hebrews 11:7-8
- B. Jesus. Philippians 2:5-9
 - 1. His appeal to scripture. Matthew 4:3-10
- C. Timothy's faithfulness. Philippians 2:19-22
- D. Paul steadfast in trials. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

II. THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

- A. Of parents. 2 Timothy 1:3-5
 - 1. Showing love of God. Matthew 22:35-40
 - 2. Love of truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:10
- B. Of husbands & wives. I Peter 3:1-4
- C. Of Christians. I Peter 2:11-17
 - 1. Of quiet lives. I Thessalonians 4:9-12

III. WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

- A. Let your light shine. Matthew 5:14-16
 - 1. While holding fast to the word. Philippians 2:12-16
- B. By diligent (not lazy) living. Hebrews 6:9-12
- C. By doing good. Galatians 6:10; James 1:27

CONCLUSION:

- A. Others observe us whether we like it not. They see if we are serious about following Jesus.
- B. They see if we are regular worshippers or careless and just going through the motions.
- C. What do people see in your life?
- D. What are you teaching your children?
- E. The most serious choice you will ever make is to follow Jesus and strive for eternal life.