

A GOOD MINISTER #3

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- **Warns of Apostasy (1 Tim. 4:1-4, 6a)**
 - Realizes that there is a difference between truth and error
- **Rejects “profane and old wives fables” (1 Tim. 4:7)**
 - Teaches and preaches only those things clearly revealed in the scriptures
- **Exercises godliness (1 Tim. 4:8)**
 - Devotion, reverence and piety toward God

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- **Sets an Example**

- **1 Tim. 4:12**

- “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers **in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**”

Sets an Example (1 Tim. 4:12)

- **In Word (speech)**

Sets an Example (1 Tim. 4:12)

➤ **In Conduct**

- Not just avoiding evil, but doing what is right
- Using opportunities (Acts 20:17-38)
- Being honest (1 Thess. 2:7–12)

Sets an Example (1 Tim. 4:12)

➤ In Love

- Biblical love involves self-sacrificing service
 - In John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends”
 - Philippians 2:17: “But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all”

Sets an Example (1 Tim. 4:12)

➤ **In spirit**

- “The disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of any one; the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc.”

➤ **In faith**

- Faith or faithfulness -- unswerving commitment

Sets an Example (1 Tim. 4:12)

- **In purity**
 - Hagneia (purity) refers primarily to purity in the area of sexuality, both in actions and in the intentions of the heart.
- **Studies (1 Tim. 4:13-15)**
- **Examines self and teaching (1 Tim. 4:16)**