

# Pursuing Godliness

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**Passage:** I Timothy 4:12

**Main Point:** Age does not hinder faithfulness.

## Case Study:

Timothy was a young man when he joined with the Apostle Paul to share the Gospel with the world. If a young man like Timothy were to preach at our church or a church event, what thoughts might you have?

## **The Word:**

1. What challenges would Timothy face because of his age?
2. Timothy was expected to be an example to fellow believers. How does this apply to you?
3. Read verses 13-16. What advice does Paul give Timothy in these verses? Why?

## **The World:**

1. I Timothy 3:6 prohibits the church from accepting new converts as leaders. What is the difference between someone young in the faith and young in age? Why is it important to make a distinction?
2. Read Jeremiah 1:6-7 and Matthew 10:16-20. Why should no one, young or old, be discouraged from sharing the Gospel?
3. How can older/wiser believers be a benefit to young people in the faith?

## **The Application:**

1. What personal obstacles have you overcome for the sake of the Gospel?
2. How can you encourage others who might think they are inadequate to serve God?
3. What are some steps you can take to be a good example to other believers?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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## How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.