Christ Family Church

BECOMING

Instructions to the Church

from the Pastoral Epistles



THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY 101

1 Timothy 4:11-16

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Command and teach these things. Don’t let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, , in faith, and in purity. Until I come, give your attention to public reading, exhortation, and teaching. Don’t neglect the gift that is in you; it was given to you through prophecy, with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Practice these things; be committed to them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to your life and your teaching; persevere in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 TIMOTHY 4:11–16


Driving Question:
What does
God’s kingdom
work look like?



1. Proclaiming the Truth

“Command and teach these things.”

1 Timothy 4:1-10

A. The Spirit Warns Us About Spiritual Deception” (v. 1)

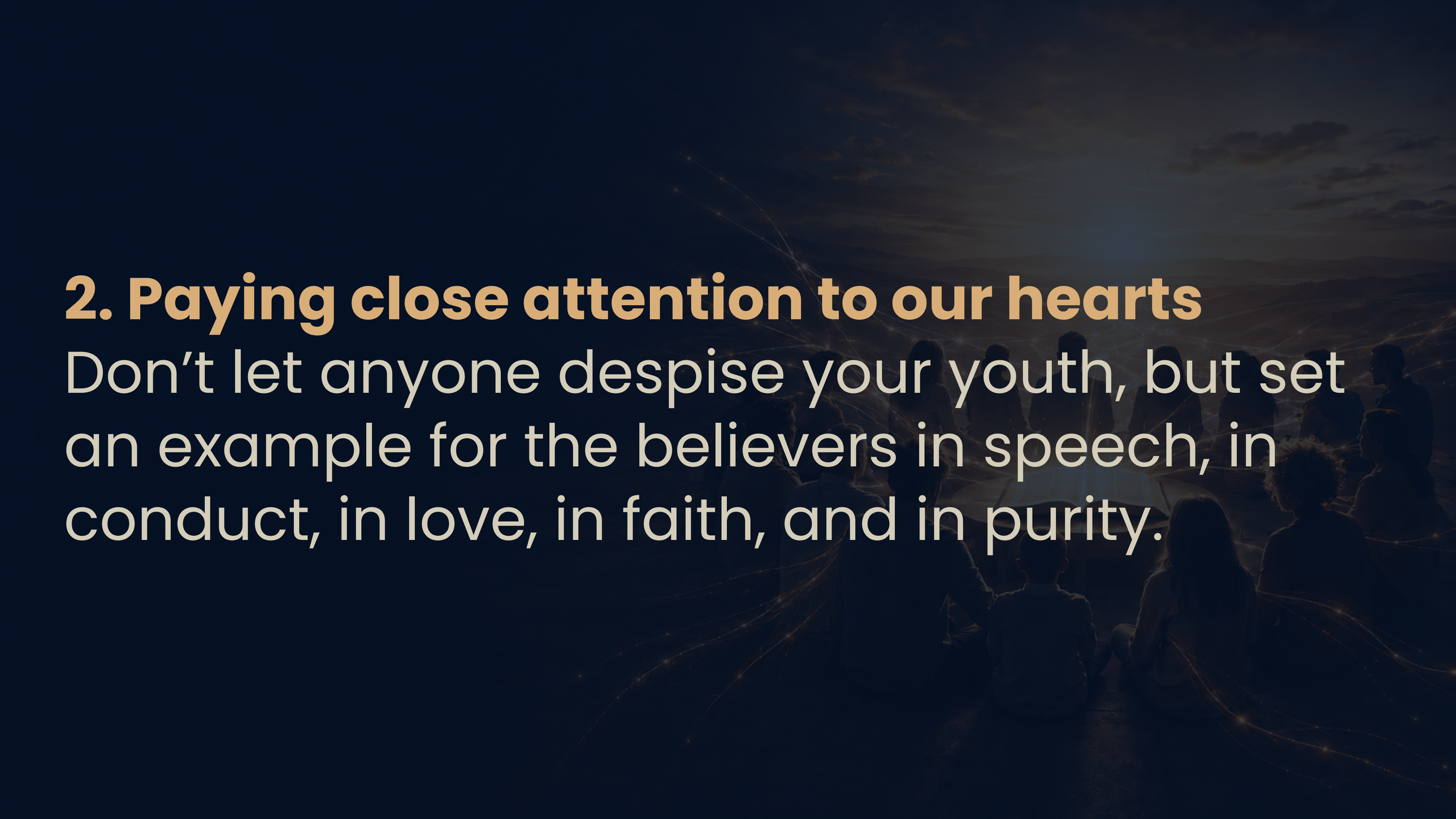
B. The Spirit Warns Us About having a Seared Conscience (v. 2)

C. The Spirit also Warns Us Against False Godliness (v. 3–5)

D. The Spirit Encourages Us to Be Nourished by the Truth (v. 6).

E. The Spirit Encourages Us to Train for Godliness (v. 7–8)

F. The Spirit Encourages us to Labor with Hope on Christ (v. 9–10)

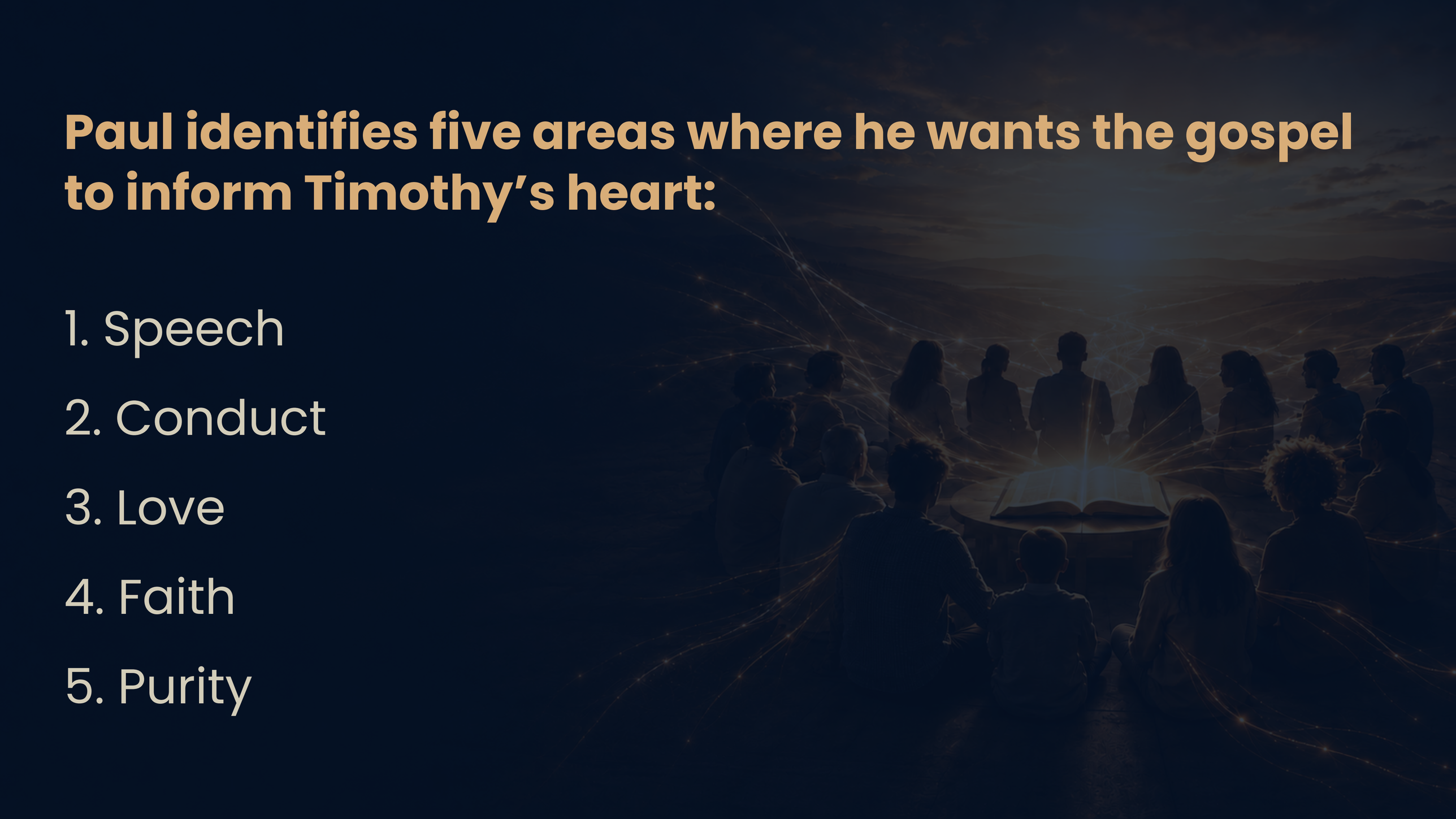


2. Paying close attention to our hearts

Don’t let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

Paul identifies five areas where he wants the gospel to inform Timothy's heart:

1. Speech
2. Conduct
3. Love
4. Faith
5. Purity



3. Putting to use (and multiplying) the gifts God has given you

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4. Perseverance (Devotion)

Practice these things; be committed to them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to your life and your teaching; persevere in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

1. Are you convinced that God’s Word is the final authority for every matter in your life?

2. Who are you when no one is looking?

3. Are you neglecting the gift(s) God has given you?

4. Do you find yourself taking the easy way out?