

The persuading power of your personal life.

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11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 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. 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. (1 Timothy 4:11-16, ESV)

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“These things” are the truth of Jesus Christ— the mystery of godliness.

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The resume for leadership in the church is more than gifting and calling; it is your personal life.

The personal life of a pastor is an example, but it is not only an example.

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Every time the church gathers, we need to hear the Word, understand the Word, and apply the Word.

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God uses the progress of a pastor’s spiritual life to persuade others of the power of the gospel.

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The more time passes in a pastor’s ministry, the more godly and mature he should be.

Your personal life has the power to persuade others of the truth of the Gospel.

The more time passes in your walk with Christ, the more godly and mature you become.

Jesus was looked down on for many reasons and never faltered in his personal life.

Jesus has set the example for us, and He has also provided the help we need to be faithful to Him.

John 16:7-11 (ESV)

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

The persuading power of your personal life is a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.