

Introduction:

Text: 1 Timothy 4:12-16

A. Insights from the life of Timothy:

1. Timothy is an example of a young person influenced by his godly relatives, namely his mother Eunice and Grandmother Lois who helped him grow in his faith in God

Truth Statement: Godly Influence starts at home

2. Timothy became St. Paul's protégé

Truth Statement: Partnership with the church and its ministries is needed to help our youth grow in their faith in God

3. Timothy was a young minister at the church in Ephesus, and was with the Apostle Paul on their second missionary journey when they planted the church in Philippi.

Truth Statement: We need to encourage our youth to discover their God given purpose

B. As parents, and members of the church of Christ, how can we effectively influence the next generation to follow and love God above all?

We can effectively influence the next generation through our... (1 Tim. 4:12)

1. W ords
2. W ays
3. W illingness to genuinely love God and others
4. W holehearted trust in God
5. W illingness to live self-controlled lives

Big Idea: To effectively influence the next generation to follow and love God above all, we need to be under the influence of God.

Habit to develop and practice: Be a godly influence

Conclusion:

1. In your own opinion, what do you think of the saying, “*Values are more caught than taught*” when it comes to influencing your children or the next generation?

2. Please read 2 Timothy Chapter 1:1-14 and answer the following questions:

a. We can read in verse 5 that the mother and grandmother's influence over Timothy's life made an impact on his sincere faith in God. As parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors, in a practical way, how can we effectively influence the youth of this generation to love and follow God?

b. What exhortations, instructions, teachings, and encouragements that the Apostle Paul mentioned in these verses encouraged Timothy to continue to grow as a leader and fulfill his life's purpose?

c. What insights did you learn from the relationship between Paul and Timothy in how to effectively mentor and influence the next generation?

3. Which of the 5 W's mentioned under letter B of the sermon outline do you need to improve on the most, and why?

4. One of our values as a church is “*People Matter: Our ministry motivation*”, which is stated in our bulletin. In order for us to reflect this value, we need to grow in our godly influence. In your life group suggest some practical ways on how you can help each other fulfill this value starting in your homes, church and community.

PRAY!