

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK ELEVEN | THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

SATURDAY

An Example That Encourages

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

1 Timothy 4:12

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

KEY TRUTH

A faithful example encourages others by showing that Christlike living is possible and worthwhile.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! People listen to our words, but they also watch our lives. Paul told Timothy to become an example in speech, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity.

A godly example does not require perfection. It requires sincerity, consistency, humility, and a willingness to keep following Christ when life is difficult.

Your example may encourage someone you do not realize is watching. A child may learn faithfulness from your worship. A new believer may learn prayer from your dependence upon God. A discouraged friend may find courage in your perseverance.

Do not underestimate quiet consistency. Let your words agree with your conduct and your public faith agree with your private choices. A life steadily surrendered to Jesus becomes encouragement people can see.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read 1 Timothy 4:12.**
2. **Examine your words and conduct.**
3. **Choose one area needing greater consistency.**
4. **Spend five minutes asking God for integrity.**
5. **Encourage someone through a faithful example.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"I Would Be True"
- Howard A. Walter

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me."

A true and faithful life gives courage to those who depend upon our example and walk beside us.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Encourage a younger believer or family member. Offer both a sincere word and an example they can safely follow.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, make my life an honest example of Your grace. Bring my words, conduct, love, faith, and private choices under Your control. When others watch me, let them see humility, consistency, and a sincere desire to follow You. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Some encouragement is spoken with the mouth; some of the strongest encouragement is lived before another person's eyes.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

Week Eleven | Sunday | Encourage One Another Daily | Hebrews 3:13 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!