

Advice to a Young Pastor

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I Timothy 4:11.
- B. Timothy was given a difficult task as a young minister.
- C. The whole life is involved in the Christian ministry.
- D. Many young ministers are just like flame throwers shooting the congregation with Scripture.

II. Let no one despise your youth.

- A. Timothy was to be concerned and aware of how people see him.
- B. Many a young man appears boastful even though he has no experience.
- C. Call needed things to the attention of the brothers, but not in an authoritative or assertive way.
- D. A man must be humble in his ministry.

III. Set an example in speech and conduct.

- A. Loving.
- B. Faithful.
- C. Pure.

VI. The public ministry of the Word.

V. A preaching ministry ought to consist of reading the Word, exhorting and teaching—it all centers on the Word.

- A. You must use your spiritual gift in this—teaching, wisdom, knowledge, etc.
- B. It is immature to take to only one person's ministry.
- C. Prepare thoroughly.
- D. Keep it personal—you can only give to others what you have experienced personally. (Philippians 2:13)
- E. Power lies in the preached Word.

Application questions:

1. What does Paul mean in his counsel to Timothy to let no on despise his youth?

2. Why is arrogance dangerous for the young minister?

3. Memorize Philippians 2:13 and write it below. What does this verse have to say to the young minister regarding God's Word?
