



The Mosaic of Ministering Servants
1 Timothy 4:11-16
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Introduction

In our passage today, Paul explains what God expects from each of us as ministering servants.

The Text: 1 Timothy 4:11-16

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) God expects ministering servants to be faithful in all things (vs. 11-14).

(a) God expects ministering servants to be faithful in their personal lives (vs. 11-12).

(b) God expects ministering servants to faithfully use their gifts to build up the church (vs. 13-14).

2) God expects ministering servants to approach these things with diligence and persistence (vs. 15-16).

3) God uses the Church as a unique instrument in the ministry of the Gospel (vs. 16b).

Response

See the whole mosaic and not just the individual tiles of this passage. As ministering servants, let us strive to be faithful in all things and approach the ministry of godliness with diligence and persistence.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 4:11-16 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: What qualities do you expect from someone ministering in the local church regardless of whether they are a lay person or vocational pastor?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What are “these things” that the apostle Paul is exhorting pastor Timothy to “command and teach” in v. 11?
- 4) Why might understanding the ongoing sense of the command “set the believers an example” be important for understanding the kind of example Timothy is to set for them?
- 5) Why might the example that pastor Timothy is commanded to set “in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” be more important than his age when it comes to executing Paul’s exhortation to “command and teach these things?”
- 6) Why is Timothy to devote himself to “the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching?”
- 7) In what ways has God gifted you that you can use or are already using to serve in ministry at Hope? What are some of the ministries that might use or are already using your gifting at Hope?
- 8) How do vv. 15-16 speak to the proper attitude and intensity with which Timothy needs to approach these things?
- 9) Why should Timothy (and by extension us today) approach these things with the attitude and intensity Paul describes in vv. 15-16?
- 10) Whether or not you aspire to be a pastor-elder or go into vocational ministry, how might this text impact you personally and how you might participate in ministry here at Hope?



Safe Families
for Children

It's Safe Families Sunday! Help us build a network of people who can contribute in both large and small ways. Check out their website to learn more about how you as an individual and we as a church body can get involved in helping create a world where children are safe and families are transformed. Go to rockford.safe-families.org today!



Join our Hope Missions 2021 Fundraiser. In our lobby there is a wall with 100 envelopes labeled sequentially. Simply take down the envelope with the amount you would like to donate, put cash or check in that amount, and place it in the offering or turn in to the office. If each of the envelopes come back, we will have raised \$5050 to help make these trips more affordable for our short term missionaries! You can also donate online under the "give" tab. We are excited to see how God uses these trips to further his kingdom!



First ever Hope Church Family Camp Out!

WHEN - August 4 – 7, 2021

WHERE - Kettle Moraine State Forest, WI, Southern Unit

You can hike every trail in the area or sip lemonade from a lawn chair. Stay on site, visit for a day, or simply share a meal with us. We hope for lots of adventures and shared experiences and pray this helps us grow in familial love and joy together. Register online or on our app.



We will have a Church Chat on Sunday, May 16, during the growth hour (9:45-10:30). The current adult classes will all have a two week break so we can have this church chat to discuss budget questions and discuss the ministry reports. The following Sunday, May 24, we will have our annual congregational business meeting during the growth hour time slot.



Our next Baby Dedication Class is Sunday, May 16, during the growth hour (9:45-10:30). If you plan on attending, let us know by e-mailing Jamie Anderson at jamie@hefc.net or calling the church office at 815.623.6545.



Spring Cleaning! We will be doing some outdoor work around the church on Saturday, May 1, from 8am - noon. If you enjoy working in the yard, please join us. No registration required.