

**Be An EXAMPLE of Jesus**

*Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12*

**Lead By Example: In What People See & Hear**

**1) In SPEECH**

*Be an example to all believers in what you say... 1 Timothy 4:12*

*...How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. Matthew 12:34*

**Your Words Have POWER**

*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. Proverbs 18:21*

*Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit. Proverbs 15:4*

**What To and What Not to SAY**

*Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Ephesians 4:29*

*Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Ephesians 5:3-5*

**2) In CONDUCT**

*Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live... 1 Timothy 4:12*

*You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. Matthew 7:16-20*

**Your LIFESTYLE Matters**

*Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. Philipians 1:27*

*Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. 1 Peter 2:12*

**Walk in INTEGRITY**

*People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed. Proverbs 10:9*

