

## The Impact of Your Example



### **READ: 2 Timothy 3:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> You (Timothy), however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

<sup>12</sup> In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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*"Being an example to others is a requirement of following Jesus, even though none of us will ever be a perfect example...  
God has made you just the way you are  
to impact others right where he's placed you."*

Tim Hiller - Strive: Life is Short, Pursue What Matter

## **REFLECT:** How Do We Impact the Lives of People Around Us?

Q: What stories have impacted you most? Why?

Q: What people have made the most difference in your life? Why is that?

**1. You begin to impact others when you \_\_\_\_\_  
them and \_\_\_\_\_ them.**

*"The very essence of all power to influence lies in getting the other person to participate." Harry A. Overstreet*

You (Timothy), however, know all about...  
... my teaching,  
... my way of life & my purpose,  
... my faith  
... my patience  
... my love,  
... my endurance, persecutions & sufferings (3:10-11)



**2. You most impact another when you \_\_\_\_\_ &  
\_\_\_\_\_ what is most important to you!**

*"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (3:14-15)*

**3. One of the most influential factors is impacting another is  
how you demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_ in everyday life.**

*"But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God." Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island*

## **We want our children and youth to KNOW:**

- Jesus' life story and ministry Luke 4:14-15
- What it means to be a disciple of Jesus Luke 9:23-25
- How to effectively study God's Word 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- What it means to *honor* your parents Ephesians 6:1-3
- Christ-centered core values and purpose John 15:16-17
- Their strengths, talents, and gifts Romans 12:6-8
- That they are valued and have worth Psalm 139:13-15
- What a healthy family and church values Matthew 5-7

## **We want our children and youth to develop the following HABITS AND PRACTICES:**

- Read the Bible regularly & Pray always Joshua 1:8  
1 Thess. 5:16-18
- Worship God authentically John 4:24
- Give generously of resources and self 2 Cor. 9:7
- Develop strong, life-giving friendships 1 Thess. 5:11
- To be grateful and full of grace 1 Thess. 5:18
- Befriend and invite others 1 Thess. 5:11
- Participate in the life of our church family Hebrews 10:25
- Memorize important life-changing Scripture Psalm 119:11

## **We want our children and youth to VALUE:**

- Treating all people as having worth Ephesians 4:32, John 15:12
- Helping others to see their worth Philippians 2:4
- Being a life-long learner of Jesus 1 Peter 2:21
- Serving one another 1 Peter 4:10
- Being advocates for the poor, the hurting, the homeless & the lost James 1:27
- Caring for God's creation Colossians 1:19-20

## **We want our children and youth to EXPERIENCE:**

- Sharing their faith story 1 Peter 3:15
- Serving others Galatians 5:13

*Learning & growing together by participation in community...*

- Missions Trips, Bible Camp, and Retreats
- AWANA & KidsZone
- Encounter & cNEXTions
- Interaction with godly, caring adults



## **We want to equip our parents, family members, leaders & teachers to:**

- Be the primary faith shapers through their words and actions
- Share their life and faith stories, values, hopes and dreams with our young people
- Model faith practices at home & in life — prayer, devotions, Bible reading, acts of service
- Help young people interpret everyday life experiences through the lens of faith