

/We will now begin the sixth lecture on 1 Timothy. /The main text is 1 Timothy 4:12-16. /Paul encourages Timothy in today's passages. /Paul teaches Timothy to be a good example as a leader.

/Paul also teaches Timothy to grow daily in his faith. Timothy became a servant of God at a young age. /Thus, people could not underestimate or neglect Timothy. /Paul encouraged Timothy to regain his authority.

/This meant that Timothy needed to be a good example spiritually, /humanly, /and through his lifestyle. /Today, if leaders do not set examples for others, they will be looked down on by people.

/Read verse 12. /Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

/It says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young." /When we are young, how can we not be looked down on by people? /Paul said to set examples in five ways. /Today, we, the leaders of the church, must set examples in all aspects of our lives.

/The church leader must be respectable in character, /must be spiritually obedient to the Word, /and his words and actions must correspond each other. /If a leader does not live as he teaches, he will be looked down on by people.

/What must we do to restore our humanly authority? /First, Paul said to set an example in speech. /The way we use our words is important. /Words can kill or save a man.

/James 3:2 says, "If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man." /When we speak incorrectly, it hurts others, and we will be judged by God. /We will be judged by God according to the things we say.

/Today, church leaders must be responsible for the things they say. /Thus, we must always speak positive words, /speak words that will be a blessing onto others, /speak words that will be advantageous to others' faith, /and speak words that will give courage to others.

/We must also speak words that will please God. /If we desire to speak words of blessing to others, /our hearts must first change. /It is easy for people to speak the things they think.

/Our hearts must be filled with grace, /we must have good in our hearts, /and those who are filled with the Word of God /speak blessings when they speak. /Caleb spoke positive words to the Israelites.

/Twelve men were sent to explore the land of Canaan. /Ten of them were pessimistic and said that they couldn't enter the land. /However, Caleb comforted the Israelites and said, "We should go up. We can certainly do it."

/We must also speak words of honesty. /Believers today speak both lies and truths with the same mouth. /The Lord said, “Can both fresh water and salt water come from the same spring?”

/Our mouths must be truthful so that there would be trust in our relationships with others. /Those whose hearts are filled with the devil /lie every time they open their mouths, /speak badly about others, /and complain and resent others.

/We must always speak words of thankfulness with our lips. /“Father God! Thank you.” /We must set good examples in speech so that we may have good influences on others.

/Second, we must set examples in life. /Our words and actions must be in agreement in each other. /Some people are holy in the church /but live recklessly outside the church.

/All our actions must set examples for others. /Ephesians 5:9 says, /as children of light, /live in goodness, /righteousness, /and truth. /We must always set good examples /in our homes, at work, and wherever we may go.

/We are the salt and light of the world, /and therefore, we must shine light on others through our actions /and we must manage our lives as salt of the earth by living truthful lives. /Today there are those who live dual lives.

/This means that there are those whose lives in the church and in their families differ greatly. /Believers must also set examples in the church today. /Leaders, especially, must set examples in the church so that they may lead others.

/Church leaders must examine themselves. /Are my actions misbehaving? /Am I hurting others through my actions? /Will I be pointed fingers at for my improper lifestyle?

/We must possess holy characters through the Word of God. /Our actions must set good examples so that we can influence others in a good way.

/Third, we must set examples in love. /How much our Lord loved us! /The love of Jesus reached its peak on the cross. /God emphasizes love.

/The greatest commandment is about love. /We must love God most, /and love our neighbors as ourselves. /Today, who is an admirable worker in the church? /We must love the Lord most to be used by the Lord.

/Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Jesus. /“Simon son of John, do you love me?” /Jesus confirmed Peter’s love for Him and then allowed Peter the work he was to do.

/Today, one must love the Lord the most to be used by the Lord. /The church leader must consider the life of one person greater than all of creation. /He must burn with love for souls in order to properly lead the believers.

/He must have a heart of love so that he would pray for the souls, /lead the souls down the correct path, /and properly teach the Word of life. /We must love others and we must make sacrifices and serve them as well.

/In families, /mothers love their children so much that /they sacrifice everything for their kids. /How would parents raise their children if they didn't have love? /Today, church leaders must set examples of love.

/We must love God /and love each soul. /Those with this love can be used as workers of God. /Today we must think about where we are at.

/Is there true love in my heart? /Do I truly love God? /Do I truly love each and every life? /Only those who are filled with love can manage their work given to them by God.

/We must set examples in love so that we would not be looked down on by others. /Paul taught about love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. /He emphasized the need for faith, hope, and love. /These three are assets of believers.

/What is the greatest of these? /The greatest of these is love. /Paul greatly emphasized the need to love. /He said, "Do everything in love." /He told Timothy, /"set an example for the believers in love."

/Fourth, we must set examples in faith. /Christians put an emphasis on faith. /We are saved through faith. /Saved believers must to faith to defeat the world.

/When we pray, we must pray with faith to receive answers. /The Lord said that to not pray in faith is to sin. /Faith is to obey the Word of God with one's heart, and obey with one's body.

/There are people who attend church who have incorrect faith. /Some people have knowledgeable faith. /They have great knowledge because they are highly educated, /yet, they do not have actions to support their knowledge, therefore, it is dead faith.

/Emotional faith is also incorrect faith. /There are people who serve when they feel like it, /but do not serve when they do not feel like serving. /Faith that moves according to one's emotions is incorrect faith.

/There is also faith that only believes in miracles. /Today, the best kind of faith is /learning the Word of God /and believing with our hearts /and obeying with our bodies. /The apostles came to Jesus and requested of Him, /"Increase our faith."

/What did the Lord say in response? /"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed." /A mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds. /Yet, in it there is life.

/Faith must have life /so that faith can grow beautifully, /and then it can bear good fruit.

/If we have proper faith, /we can experience results of our faith in our lives.

/Faith is being sure of what we hope for /and certain of what we do not see. /We must have this faith so that we can see what we hope for. /God works through those who have faith.

/Even if we may have nothing today, /we can live if we have this faith. /Therefore, righteousness is not bought with money /or with honor. /The righteous will live by faith.

/Today we must /overcome all circumstances and have unchanging faith. /Paul told Timothy, /“set an example for the believers.” /We must have faith that is acknowledgeable by God.

/Abraham had faith that was acknowledged by God. /God told Abraham to go up Mount Moriah and sacrifice his only son, Isaac, to God. /How precious was Isaac? /Isaac was Abraham’s precious son, whom he gave birth to at the age of one hundred.

/However, Abraham obeyed and immediately took Isaac to Mount Moriah to sacrifice him. /Abraham took Isaac and bound him. /Abraham attempted to kill Isaac with a knife and offer him as a sacrifice to God. /Then God came to Abraham.

/“Abraham! Abraham!” /“Do not lay a hand on the boy.” /“Now I know that you fear God.” /Abraham was always a man of faith, /but when he gave Isaac to God, Abraham then had faith that was acknowledged by God.

/Then God greatly blessed Abraham. /Today, we church leaders /must set an example in faith, and then we can lead the believers. /We must take the lead in making sacrifices, /in prayer, /and in faithfully serving the church.

/Fifth, it says to set an example in purity. /Purity means to live pure lives. /Church leaders must live pure lives. /They must be clean of materials /and clean in their relationships with the opposite gender.

/The moment one throws away his purity, he will lose his ability to lead the believers. /It is easy for church leaders to be tempted. /Take a look at Joseph. /He was tempted by Potipher’s wife. /Yet, Joseph firmly rejected her.

/“How could I sin against God?” /We must live in purity to be greatly used by God. /Joseph kept the purity of his faith /and eventually became a prime minister of Egypt.

/God uses those who are pure /in each generation. /Paul loved Timothy and said, /“Timothy! /Live in purity.” /“Keep your purity.” /“You must be pure for God to use you, /and people will not look down on you.”

/We must set examples for others by living in purity before God. /We must set examples in our character and in our lives /so that our authority would be restored /and we would

properly lead the believers. /Verse 13 says to restore his spiritual authority.

/Read verse 13. /Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

/Here it teaches three things. /First, it says to devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture. /We must lead the congregation to read the Bible. /We must also personally diligently read the Bible.

/Revelation 1:3 says, /“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, /and blessed are those who hear it /and take to heart what is written in it.” /Today’s church leaders /and members /must diligently read the Bible, the Word of God, /more than any other book in the world.

/Church leaders must first read the Bible /and then encourage believers to read. /Second, it says to preach. /To preach means to preach to those who are weak in faith. /We must tell believers to serve God well.

/We must tell them to pray continuously. /We must tell those who did not come to church on Sunday to come to church. /Preaching is a valuable calling. /Third, it says to devote yourself to teaching.

/To devote oneself to something means to give one’s all. /What kind of a church is a good church? /Does a building have to be well-built for it to be a good church? /The best church is /one that serves God at its core, /and properly teaches the Bible.

/Today, servants of God do not stand on the podium /to speak words of the world. /God puts his servants on the podium to properly teach his Word. /Why were the believers in the early church able to change the world?

/They received proper teachings by the apostles. /Today’s churches must properly teach the Bible and also learn the Bible. /There is life and power in the Word of God. /The Word of God changes people.

/The Word of God heals people. /People are blessed through the Word of God. /The Word of God is the light of the lamp that guides our footsteps. /Only those who are held by the Word of God can be used by God.

/We must have the Word of God in our hearts so that we would not sin. /When we hold onto the Word of God and pray to God, he will answer our prayers. /Though heaven and earth may change, the Word of God will never change.

/A church is a healthy church when there is teaching and learning of the Bible. /During His childhood, /Jesus sat in the temple of God /and listened and asked questions about the Scripture.

/Jesus grew within the Word of God. /Jesus grew in physical height, /in wisdom, /and charmingly before God and people. /Jesus grew healthily and with stability.

/To say that Jesus grew in height refers to a physical growth. /To say that He grew in wisdom refers to an intellectual growth. /To say that He grew charmingly before God refers to a spiritual growth. /To say that Jesus grew charmingly before people refers to a societal growth.

/We must be nurtured by God's Word to grow with stability. /God's Word is food for the soul. /1 Peter 2:2 says, /"Like newborn babies, crave spiritual milk, /so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

/When a baby is born, /he must eat a variety of foods so that he would grow healthily. /There is a reborn soul in the hearts /of those who believe in Jesus. /This new soul can only grow when it hears the Word of God.

/We believers go to church /to hear God's Word. /Believers must receive grace through the Word of God so that their faith can grow /and so that they can become healthy believers and become workers in the church.

/The apostle Paul told Timothy, /"Teach the Word of God." /"Work hard in teaching." /"Their faith will grow when you teach the Word of God."

/Read verse 14. /Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

/It says, "Do not neglect your gift." /We must be careful with the spiritual gifts we receive. /This verse tells us not to neglect our gifts. /God gave his leaders, talents.

/We must consider these gifts precious. /We must properly use these gifts in order to grow in our faith. /We must not compare our gifts with others.

/The head of the church is Christ, /and the believers are the body. /God gave his people a variety of gifts. /Therefore, we must not compare our gifts with one another, /must not compete with one another with our gifts, /and must cooperate and use our gifts for the good.

/We must not be downcast because we do not have gifts that others have, /and we must not be prideful for having gifts that others do not have. /God gave us gifts that we might use them for the good.

/We have strength and power when we use our gifts. /Our faith progresses and grows through our gifts.

/Read verse 15. /Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

/It says, "Be diligent in these matters." /We must be diligent for our faith to grow. /We must be diligent in every parts of our lives, /be diligent in teaching God's Word, /and be diligent in using the gifts God gave us.

/Today's church leaders /must be diligent in everything /in order to grow and see progress. /Is studying easy? /Is a moderate amount of studying enough to raise your grades? /One must do his best in his studies for his grades to get better.

/Can a businessman do just a moderate amount of work and make money? /He must work hard to make money. /Take a look at those who work in the marketplace. /They open the store doors early in the morning and close late at night.

/People in the world work hard, /and therefore, the church leaders who are God's workers /should not be negligent of God's work. /The Bible warns that there will be "A curse on him who is lax in doing the LORD's work."

/We will see progress when we work diligently every day. /Church leaders must always examine themselves. /Am I working diligently? /Am I making progress each day? /Is my faith growing each day?

/Am I growing spiritually and intelligently? /Is my faith growing? /There are three types of people in the church today. /There are those who do not grow in faith and always remain in one place.

/There are those whose faith regress. /There are those whose faith continues to grow and make progress. /Where do you stand? /Those whose faith are healthy and have life /will see growth and progress.

/When your children study in school and receive good grades, does that make you happy? What about when their grades drop? /Parents are happy when their children do well in school. /Hebrews 10:38 says, /"And if he shrinks back, /I will not be pleased with him." /We must not regress in our faith, and we must continue to go forward today and tomorrow.

/We must make progress so that we may live and so that others may live as well. /Why must be grow daily and make progress?

/Read verse 16. /Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

/It says, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them." /When we do, we will save both ourselves and others. /Today, church leaders must first teach themselves.

/We must teach ourselves with our conscience, /and teach ourselves through God's Word. /It is easy to be forsaken by God when we do not teach ourselves. /It is easy to become

like the Pharisees and Sadducees.

/We must not try to only teach others, but always teach ourselves. /Paul made a confession. /He was afraid that he would be forsaken by God /if he did not teach himself /and only teach others.

/One must properly teach himself, and continue without ceasing. /There is no regression or the decrepitating in our faith. /Though our bodies may grow weak, /our insides must become new each day.

/We must continue this work until the Lord calls us. /There are people who work hard in the beginning, but later give up. /We all eat three meals a day.

/Are there people who do not eat because they are lazy? /We eat each meal when it is time to eat. /Our spiritual lives must also have regular set times.

/There must be set times for prayer, /times to read and mediate in God's Word, /and times to teach the Bible to others. /We must properly teach so that cults and evil spirits may not interfere.

/You must continue to teach the Bible in your churches so that the believers may grow healthily. /We must be thankful for our churches. /I have always taught the members of my church.

/Many cults attempted to deceive members in the church, /yet, not one person was deceived. /There were times when cults entered the church and attempted to take members away. /The members of the church were able to overcome this because I had continuously taught the Bible.

/It also says that through the teachings of the Bible, "you will save both yourself and your hearers." /It says, "you will save." /This refers to those who have already been saved, who will preach salvation.

/To "accomplish salvation" /means to live by shedding away one's sins. /Even though one may have received salvation, /corruption remains inside of him, /as well as the actions of the old self.

/Therefore, we must put an end to the old selves in us through the Bible, /and we must shed off our sins.

/Here we will conclude the sixth lecture on 1 Timothy. /Thank you.