

Watch Yourself Closely

1 Timothy 4:12-16 (Series: The Transforming Church)
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- A. The problem: dangers of myths from “deceitful spirits and teachings of demons” (v. 1-5)
 - B. The response to “irreverent, silly myths” (v. 6-11)
 - C. Keep a close watch on yourself and the teaching (v. 12-16)

Keys to “holding fast” (Heb. 10:23-25; 3:12-13)

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 - a. Despite your young age set the example even for those older (v. 12a)
 - b. In five specific areas (v. 12b)
 - 1) In _____
 - 2) In _____
 - 3) In _____ (cf. Matt. 5:43-48; Rom. 12:20-21)
 - 4) In _____
 - 5) In _____ (cf. Heb. 10:23-25; 3:12-13)
2. Remain steadfast in reading _____ and exhorting/teaching from it (v. 13-16)
 - a. Keep _____ central (v. 13)
 - b. Don't _____ the gift (v. 14) (cf. 1 Tim. 1:18; Acts 6:2-6)
 - c. Keep _____ and immersing yourself in the gift, that _____ may see your progress (v. 15).

- d. Be mindful of _____ and your _____ (v. 16a) (cf. Acts 20:28-32)

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3. Set a good **example** (v. 12)
 - a. Despite your young age set the example even for those older (v. 12a)
 - b. In five specific areas (v. 12b)
 - 1) In **speech**
 - 2) In **conduct**
 - 3) In **love** (cf. Matt. 5:43-48; Rom. 12:20-21)
 - 4) In **faith**
 - 5) In **purity** (cf. Heb. 10:23-25; 3:12-13)
4. Remain steadfast in reading **Scripture** and exhorting/teaching from it (v. 13-16)
 - a. Keep **Scripture** central (v. 13)
 - b. Don't **neglect** the gift (v. 14) (cf. 1 Tim. 1:18; Acts 6:2-6)
 - c. Keep **practicing** and immersing yourself in the gift, that **others** may see your progress (v. 15).
 - d. Be mindful of **yourself** and your **teaching** (v. 16a) (cf. Acts 20:28-32)