

# Set An Example

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[0:00] How can we be a good example? Paul talks to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4 verse 12, Some people use words that are bitter and hurt, swearing and cursing words, angry and toxic words.

The Bible says that death and life are in the power of the tongue. Proverbs 18 verse 21. May our words be life-giving words.

Tell the truth. Use words that lift, that build, that bless. Be an example in conversation. Here it's talking about how we live our lives.

Do we want to please God with our life? To know God, to pray, to worship, to serve God? Be strong, be wise, be a witness. Stand up for honour and truth.

Nehemiah was one who heard about a need. God's city and its broken-down walls, and he did something. Esther was one who risked her life to go into the king to plead for his mercy for the people of Israel.

[1:28] Noah was one who listened to God and believed and obeyed God. Be an example in charity. Of course, charity means love. God showed his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

God wants us to come to know and to love him. Do we love God? Do we love others? God will help us to love and care about other people.

Be an example in spirit. How is our spirit? Our spirit can be filled with God's Holy Spirit. John the Baptist shows how he was called a burning and shining light.

The Bible says we should be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Romans 12, verse 11. David was anointed as king, and it says the spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him, and he entered into battle.

David had a heart right with God, after God's own heart. Do we have the right kind of spirit? Is our spirit humble, kind? The Bible says of Caleb that he had a different spirit.

[2:39] Unlike the other spies who Moses sent into Canaan, Caleb and Joshua had faith and trusted that with God's help, they could conquer the promised land. It says Caleb followed God wholeheartedly.

What about us? Will we be like Caleb and have a different spirit from people who don't know God? Be an example in faith.

Faith is believing God. The Bible says we are saved by faith. We see the example of Gideon. God was pleased with Gideon's faith and courage.

Gideon trusted in God against a fierce enemy. And with just 300 men, he saw God bring great victory. The Bible says that this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Faith also has the idea of faithfulness. You may think that you cannot do a lot of things, but you can be faithful. Turn up and be there. Be true to your word.

[3:41] Be dependable. Be someone who can be counted on. Be an example in purity. Purity means being clean. Some people use dirty talk and dirty words, but God wants us to be clean.

God wants us to call upon him out of a pure heart. As it reads in 2 Timothy 2 verse 22. Flee also youthful lusts, but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Guard your heart like Joseph. When temptation stared Joseph full in the face, he ran away from it. We all face temptation to do the wrong thing.

Joseph did not sin. He did what was right. Daniel was another one who gives us the right example. He made the right choice. It says Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself.

Daniel chapter 1 verse 8. We can make godly choices. When we have done wrong, we can ask God to clean our heart. Our heart can be made clean.

[4:50] God can forgive us. The Bible says God can wash away our sin. That the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin. The most important thing of all is, as far as being an example, is that we be saved.

You can be an example to others. So, determine to set a good example. And, of course, the most important aspect of life is to know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour.

He sets the best example of all, as the perfect man, but more than that, as God. God manifests in the flesh. So, set a good example.

Determine that for your life. And bless God. Please God with your life.