Let No One Despise Your Youth (Bilingual)

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A non-believer was interestedin finding out more about Christianityand went to find a pastor[redacted]And at the timeI was the only pastorwho was available[redacted]And so I introduced myselfand whatnotand asked himif there was anythingI could help him with[redacted]He looked at me for a momentand askedDoes this church have a pastorwho is a bit older? [redacted]You're so youngyou won't understandI said[redacted]And I repliedHow do you knowI won't understand? [redacted]?And he saidHave you ever studied theology?[redacted]And I saidI haveBut I only have an honors degree[redacted]What I meantby saying that wasthat I was still pretty goodeven though I didn't have a PhD[redacted]And he saidWhat honorsHonors won't doYou still won't understand[redacted]And he was still refusingto confide in me[redacted]And so in the endI had no choiceBut to refer himTo the much older lookingPastor Ron[redacted]Timothy was Paul's disciple[redacted]
Paul sent him to be a representativein the Ephesian churchand to carry out ministry work there[redacted]
[7:52] [redacted]

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In other wordsit's about having healthy and righteous thoughts and actions that are morally sound when handling with people and matters[redacted]You must do this in order to show that you are capable of becoming a spiritual leader[redacted]And now we come to the second pointwhich is the importance of serving in the community[redacted]
In verse 13Paul talks about reading the scripture in publicwhich means to speak of the truth of the gospel in publicAnd to spread God's word[redacted]The Christian believers in that timewould put a lot of emphasis on spreading the scripture to the public[redacted]In our service we do that as well[redacted]In our service we always have two Bible readingsOne from old and one from newThe purpose of it is to oneListen to God's word directlyWith no added explanations and comments[redacted]And two to symbolize God's presence here in our churchThrough his wordIn our service we always have to be[redacted]
Here it refers to dealing with public readings of the scripturesTo make accurate and sound explanations of itAnd to make it a part of other people's lives[redacted]When people have gone down the wrong pathSpiritual leaders should use God's word as a reminder[redacted]And when people are facing difficultiesSpiritual leaders should use God's word to comfort and encourage them[redacted]When people are lost and have no directionSpiritual leaders should use God's word to guide them and motivate them[redacted]
[18:55] So we can use theseUse God's words in these waysSimply during a sermonDuring a serviceOr in Bible studies during cell group[redacted]Paul also mentioned to TimothéeThe importance of teaching[redacted]It's refers to the act of explaining the scriptureOr teaching people about the Christian doctrine[redacted]Wesern Day[redacted]In our serviceWe have Alpha coursesBible studiesNew life coursesDiscipleship trainingAnd leadership trainingWhich are all a part of our workIn teachingWhether you're the oneWho is teachingOr the one who's being taught[redacted]

Let me ask you thisAre you currently involvedIn teaching the scriptureOr are you the one being taught[redacted]If you answer bothThen thank the LordBecause this is a part of the processIn growing spirituallyAs a Christian[redacted]And on the other handIf you are neitherThen it's never too lateTo make a start[redacted]If you're not sureHow to go about itYou can come and find BenBowl[redacted]Paul also reminded TimothyAbout not neglecting giftsGiven from God[redacted]
When we use our gifts and talentsTo serve GodWe are also inheritingHeavenly treasuresIn God's kingdom[redacted]These points are all thingsthat Paul mentionedthat we should dois how we should go aboutsaving the community[redacted]And then Paul goes on tosay to Timothy in verse 15If you are diligentin the above mentioned pointsthen you will see two outcome[redacted]The first one iswhen other people see thatwe are continuously working hardin the above mentioned areasand continuously to grow spirituallythen we will be ableto gain other people's

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And then thisallows us to beginbecoming a spiritual leader■■And then in verse 16He saysNot only will youyourself receive salvationBut you will also be ableto share itand save other peoplewho are willing to listen■■■This is the great missionthat is given to usby Jesus■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■We are to not only receive salvationourselvesBut to spread the gospeland bring salvationto other people as well■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■
The spiritual life of a Christianis like the four seasonsthat occur in a yearIt constantly renews and growsand then renews and growseven more■■■■■■■■■■■■■After we come to know Jesusand have become baptizedand become part of the church■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■and then we have to acceptthe teachings of the scripturesand seek spiritual growthand then become a spiritual leader■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■and then what comes afterbecoming a spiritual leader■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■it is to be like Jesusand spread the gospelso that others can cometo know Jesus as welland accept his grace■■■■■■■■■■
[24:19] Is this the end?■■■■■■■■It's notIt's a cycle■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■Because after thatwe then have to guidethese new believersand to grow spiritually themselvesand teach themabout the gospeland send them outto then spread the gospel■■But unfortunatelymany peoplenever get beyondthe first stepof just joining a church■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■A lot of peoplenever get to thenever even get to thesecond step ofgoing spirituallyor leading other peopleto Christ■■■■■■■■■■■Is this your situation?

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