

**Let No Man Despise You**  
**1 Tim 4:12-16**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of our youth

- Intro:
1. Despise means to look down on, scorn, to treat with contempt
    - a. These are sinful actions
  2. Let no one look down on you for any unjust reason.

I. Be an example to believers

A. In Word & Conversation (conduct)

1. **Phil 2:16** (In word)
2. **Eph 4:22** (conversation)

C. In Love & Spirit

1. **1 Cor 13:1-3** (love)
2. In Spirit (the character or influence which governs a person; **1 Pt 3:4**)

E. In Faith & Purity

1. **Lk 17:5** (faith)
2. **1 Tim 5:22** (purity)

II. Attention Not Neglect

A. Give attention to reading, exhortation & doctrine

1. **Col 4:16** – attention to reading
2. **Heb 3:13** – exhortation (**exhortation means encouragement, not belittling people, behaving in an arrogant manner, then being surprised nothing has changed**)
3. **Titus 2:1** – doctrine (teaching)

B. Do not be neglectful

1. **Timothy was to remember the work that was before him.**
2. **He was to meditate (think) on the work before him (1 Tim 4:14-15)**
3. **1 Tim 4:16** - He was to give himself wholly to them, to take heed to himself and the doctrine (teaching) of Christ.
  - a. He was to continue in them (**1 Cor 15:58**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Be a REAL example (**1 Jn 2:6**)

1. Examples make mistakes but they also learn from them. Examples must be learners.
  - a. NO ONE, knows everything.
  - b. Those who act as if they do, are rarely well received.**
2. Remember Christ is who you mold your life after and no one else.

B. Be a realist.

1. You are going to make mistakes. Own up to them, repent, GROW and MOVE FORWARD.
  1. Denial will never help you.
2. **Proverbs 3:6**, what are the “ways” here.
  - a. This includes us repenting of our sins, this is part of our “ways” before Him.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Let no one despise you as you put God first and set a godly example.
2. Those who do are in sin for doing so.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9