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11 Prescribe and teach these things. 12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. 13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. 14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. 15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. 16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

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Handling Truth vs error...4:6-10

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What actions does Paul give Timothy next? 4:11-12; IITim.2:15, 4:2; Titus 2:15

What is Timothy instructed to do next? 4:13; (give *careful* attention to...); IITim.4:2

What danger did Paul sense in Timothy? 4:14; IITim.1:3-7; IPet.4:10; Rom.12:3-8; Heb.12:3

How was Timothy to avoid this failure? 4:15; Ps.1:2, 119:97; IITim.4:2; IIPet.3:18

If he pays close attention to himself and his teaching, what will result? 4:16; Jn.8:31

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Have nothing to do with worldly fables (myths), recognized as 'old wives tales'.

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Discipline yourself for godliness. Because it benefits now and in the life to come! Obvious!

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Because he had fixed his hope on the living God. Always Living In View of Eternity.

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His grace saves everyone from immediate death (physical/spiritual). Everyone's Savior!

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God's grace leads believers to faith in Christ. His common grace becomes saving grace!

Handling your ministry...4:11-16

What actions does Paul give Timothy next? 4:11-12; **IITim.2:15, 4:2**; Titus 2:15

Command and teach these things. Don't be intimidated! Be an example for believers.

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Devote yourself to public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching (Scripture).

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Don't neglect (be careless with) your spiritual gift (preaching/teaching). Don't give up!

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Be diligent (meditate) on these things. Be absorbed in them. Others see your growth.

If he pays close attention to himself and his teaching, what will result? 4:16; **IJn.8:31**

He proves his faith by persevering. And those he teaches will get saved (by the Word).