

**1Timothy - Chapter 4 verses 10 - 16**  
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**Chapter 4** – Chapters 4 thru 6 contains the final words, teaching and instructions for young Timothy in his spiritual leadership and oversite assignment at Ephesus.

**Verse 10** – In this verse the apostle Paul reminds Timothy that the reason he and his associates labor and work hard and endure criticism is because they trust God, who is the Savior of all people but especially to those who believe.

**Verse 11** – Normally teaching comes before a command however, the apostle Paul is aware that young Timothy is somewhat timid and is more eager to teach, but maybe hesitant to exercise authority, thus Paul is reminding him that exercising authority and giving of commandment is also one of his responsibilities as their spiritual leader.

**Verse 12** – So that no one will hate or dislike Timothy for being so young, Paul encourages him to be an example for the believers in word (his conversation, and conduct), in charity (love), in spirit (attitude or nature), in faith (belief) and in purity (integrity).

**Verse 13** – The apostle Paul tells Timothy until he returns to devote himself to reading and teaching God's word, and to encourage the people to be obedient to biblical truths.

**Verse 14** – The apostle Paul instructs Timothy to not to neglect the spiritual gift that were given to him by the Holy Spirit and confirmed by the church through the laying on of hands by church elders in recognition of his divine call.

**Verse 15** – Paul tells Timothy to think diligently about those things mention in verse 14 and devote himself completely to using his spiritual gifts to fulfill his ministry's task so that all will witness.

**Verse 16** – Paul tells Timothy to keep a constant watch over his spiritual life and biblical truths and to stay steadfast in them which will save him and those that hear him.