

¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

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writing a letter of encouragement to his friend, Timothy, who was teaching the Church in Ephesus.

Timothy was not much older than the students in our class and Paul knew that people may look down on him or dismiss his teaching because of his age. He knew Timothy may be feeling that he was too young to be teaching in the Church full of those much older and maybe even wiser than he.

Paul challenges Timothy to **set a different standard** for himself. He tells him to not dismiss his youth and to not allow anyone to look down on him for being too young but instead, he should **set an example**.

We then looked at just a few of the ways that Paul told Timothy to be an example for the believers in Ephesus so that we may also be an example.

- **Be an example in what you say.**

We said that sometimes it can be pretty difficult to control the words that come out of our mouths. We said it can also be very difficult to speak life and truth into others, especially when you don't feel like it.

We then looked at another young man by the name of Jeremiah in **Jeremiah 1:4-9**. God had appointed Jeremiah as His "prophet to the nations". Jeremiah told God that he couldn't speak well and was too young. But, God had plans for Jeremiah. God told Jeremiah that He would **be with him**, would **protect him**, and would **give him the words** to speak.

We can be an example in what we say by letting go and allowing God to speak through us to build others up instead of tearing them down.

- **Be an example in the way you live.**

We said, whether you realize it or not, as a Christian, people actually watch your life and how you act to help them determine how they should live and act. People watch you to see what being a Christian is all about and if they should become a Christian. What example are you showing others in how you live?

- **Be an example in your love.**

We looked at a story in **Luke 5:18-20** where a paralyzed man's friends loved him so much that they were willing to risk everything, no matter what it took, in order to get him to Jesus.

Jesus pointed out that it was his faith that healed the man. We also pointed out that it was his friend's love for him that even brought him to Jesus to be healed.

We asked how well do you love the people around you? Do you love your friends enough to put the word into action as the paralyzed man's friends did?

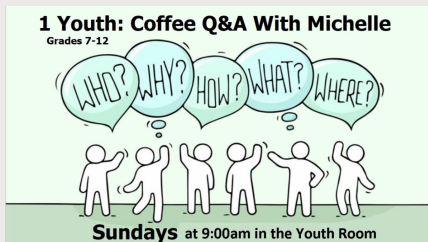
In **Matthew 5:43-46**, Jesus tells us to love our enemies. We said it's easy to love only those who love us but the real challenge is to love everyone the way God loves them no matter who they are.

Are you being an example by showing God's love to **EVERYONE**?

We said that being young doesn't mean you don't have any influence and being young doesn't mean you are unable to do what God needs you to do.

We said that many in the Bible whom God called felt they were too young, too small, etc. to do what God asked. But God showed them otherwise.

Being young gives you a unique opportunity to be an example, to set a different standard, to show others in the way you live, speak, believe, love, and in the way you act every single day.



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Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, starting at 9:00am, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.

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