

DO NOT NEGLECT THE GIFT! **(I Timothy 4:12-16)**

- A. **The Spirit of God's WARNING of the COMING APOSTASY (4:1-5)**
- B. **The Characteristics of a FAITHFUL MINISTER of Jesus Christ (4:6-11)**
- C. **Paul's PERSONAL CHALLENGE to young pastor Timothy (4:12-16)**

1. Regarding Timothy's _____, Paul encouraged him to be an example both _____ and _____. (vs 12)

**What were the six areas specifically that Timothy was to be an example?*

2. Regarding Timothy's _____, Paul reminded him of his priority to _____, _____, and _____. (vs 13)

**Do we know when Paul was likely to return?*

**What are some other 'hobby-horses' that pastors can give attention to?*

3. Regarding Timothy's _____ and _____, Paul cautioned him not to neglect his own _____ nor the _____. (vs 14)

**In what sense is prophecy being referred to here?*

**What does the 'laying on of hands' refer to?*

**Principle to Ponder: It is possible for believers in Christ to neglect their _____
_____, even while _____.*

**Does every believer in Jesus Christ have a spiritual gift? What are some of them?*

4. **Regarding Timothy's _____, Paul exhorted
him to immerse himself in the _____.** (4:15)

**Does spiritual growth necessarily have to be visible?*

5. **Regarding Timothy's _____, Paul
urged Timothy to first, _____ and, second,
_____.** (4:16)

**What would be the two-fold result?*

*Principle to Ponder: In order to benefit others spiritually, a believer's priority should be
to first _____ with the Lord _____.*

**What can we learn from all of this?*