

*Biblical Drama based on 1 Timothy 4:6-16**Character Parts: Narrator 1-2, Paul, Timothy*

Narrator 1: Paul was an older, experienced pastor. Timothy was his student, learning to become a pastor himself. Paul was teaching Timothy how to be a good leader in the church.

Paul: Timothy, I have some important instructions for you. I want you to share what I've told you with others in the church.

Timothy: Do you think I'm ready?

Paul: I sure do. You have become a good servant of Christ Jesus. After all, you've been trained in the words of the faith and the sound teaching you've followed.

Timothy: You've told me about all the things Jesus has done for us. But what if I forget? Can I just make some up some stories?

Paul: You know better than that. I want you to have nothing to do with strange myths and old wives' tales. Never make things up! You must work hard to teach only the Word of God.

Timothy: I know how to work hard, that's for sure. Being a good follower of Jesus takes practice.

Paul: That's true. It just like when athletes train for sports! The more you put your skills into practice, the more they become a natural part of who you are. But it's even more important to train yourself in godliness, and practice doing what's right. Physical exercise has some value in this world, but godliness is valuable in every way — both for the present life and the life to come.

Timothy: I think I get it. Things in this world eventually fade away, but the things of God last forever. Right?

Paul: Exactly! It's something you should remind yourself of often. The reason we work hard in this world is because we have our hope set on

the living God, who is the Savior of all people. That's what we believe, and that's what you should teach.

Timothy: Sure, but who's going to listen to *me*? Most people still think of me as a kid.

Paul: Don't let people tell you that you are too young to tell others about Jesus. Even though you are young, you can still be a good example for others. You can show your love for God by the way you speak and act every day.

Timothy: But what about when you're not here? How will I know what to do?

Paul: When I'm gone, be sure to pay attention to the public reading of Scripture, and to the sermons and teaching in Church. That's how you'll grow in faith.

Timothy: You're sure I'm ready for this?

Paul: Absolutely. You've been given a gift for the ministry — don't forget that. You've been taught well by the older people, and the Word you teach comes from God.

Timothy: Does this work ever get easier?

Paul: If you practice the things I've taught you and devote yourself to them, you'll do just fine. Everyone will see that you're the right guy for the job!

Timothy: I'll try my best.

Paul: That's all I ask. Just be sure that you pay close attention to yourself and take care with what you're teaching. Keep preaching God's message, and you'll save both yourself and your hearers!

Narrator 2: Timothy went on to preach and teach people about Jesus, just like Paul had done before him.