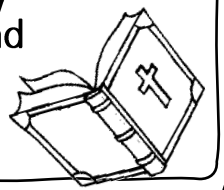
A passage to unpack

1 Timothy 4 v 11–16

Find the book of 1 Timothy in the New Testament, find Chapter 4 and read verses 11-16.



1 Timothy is one of the epistles from the New Testament, which means it was originally a letter. This letter was written to a young church leader called Timothy with advice on how to lead his church.

Timothy was mentored by many people, the writer of the letter who was probably Paul and his mother (Eunice) and grandmother (Lois). They helped Timothy to grow in his faith and leadership abilities.

Draw a picture of somebody who is a mentor in your own faith journey. As you draw, why not say thank you to God for putting them into your life.

In verse 12 we learn that some people were treating Timothy as less important because he was young, but we know that God can use anybody no matter their age or experience.

In verse 14 Timothy was encouraged to use the talent he had in being able to prophecy.

Write or draw some of the talents that God has given you, here:

Be an example...

Verse 12 encourages Timothy to be an example for others, can you think of a way you could be an example for others in each of these areas?

If you are not sure what to write, why not pause, pray and ask God to show you what He would like you to do.

...in words

...in actions

...in love

...in faith

...in pure life

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Ask God to help you to be a leader in your own group of friends and within your home. Even during these difficult times, we can still encourage and serve others. We each have something to contribute and share; pray and ask God to use you.