

Preserving God's People 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Main Idea: Paul instructs Timothy to save the church from demonic deception by choosing leaders who teach and exhort from the Scriptures, grow in godly character, and gain corporate approval.

- Choose teachers who teach and exhort from the Scriptures (vss 11, 13, 16)

¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, Luke 4:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁴ But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." Acts 13:14-15 (NASB)

- Choose leaders who grow in godly character (vs. 12)

Matthew 7:15-20

- Gain corporate approval of leaders (vss 14-15)