Can You Be Mistaken For

Jesus?

1 Timothy 4:12-16

To be <u>Mistaken</u> for Jesus & <u>Accomplish</u> the most for God in your lifetime, you must <u>START</u> on time. (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

There has <u>Never</u> been a time in human history where Christian young people <u>Faced</u> Greater Challenges...than <u>TODAY</u>.

So, HOW can you make an Impact for your Savior when so much is Stacked against you?

1. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE (vv.12-13)

- Set an Example in your <u>CONVERSATION</u> ("in word")
- Set an Example in your <u>CONDUCT</u> ("in Conduct")
- Set an Example in your <u>COMPASSION</u> ("in Love or Charity")
- Set an Example in your **CHARACTER** ("in Spirit")
- Set an Example in your <u>CONVICTIONS</u> ("in Faith")
- Set an Example in your <u>CLEANNESS</u> ("in Purity")
- HOW do we <u>Learn</u> to set such a <u>Good Example</u>?
- By <u>READING</u> the Scriptures...("give attention to <u>Reading</u>")
- By <u>MINISTERING</u> to Others...("give attention...to <u>Exhortation</u>")
- By <u>TEACHING</u> God's Word...("give attention...to <u>Doctrine"</u>)

2. USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT (v.14)

- The <u>Moment</u> a person becomes a <u>Christian</u>, God <u>Blesses</u> them with the <u>gift <u>OF</u> the Spirit & at least one gift <u>FROM</u> the <u>Spirit</u>. (Romans 8:9; 1 Cor 12:7)
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- We must NOT be Careless or Half-Hearted about <u>Developing</u> & <u>Using</u> God's gifts
- God has you in a <u>Place</u> where you can make a <u>Difference</u>...
- The ONLY guestion is...WILL...YOU...USE...YOUR...GIFT?

3. BE WILLING TO GROW (v.15)

- "Meditate" can be translated "Take Great Pains to Develop" these things.
- We should "go <u>ALL OUT</u>" in efforts to <u>Serve</u> our Master.
- Don't <u>Settle</u> into a <u>Comfortable RUT</u>.
- We should always be <u>Growing</u>...

4. KEEP UP YOUR GUARD (v.16)

- First TAKE HEED to Yourself...Then, to Doctrine.
- Examine what you Believe then ALIGN your beliefs with what God's Word says.

- <u>Uncertainty</u>...<u>Doubt</u>...& <u>Wavering</u> have **NO Good Place** in a world as dangerous as ours. We can't just let the Christian life "<u>HAPPEN</u>."

 We MUST live <u>Deliberately</u> for Him...