

Series: How to Conduct Ourselves

Until I Come, Be Diligent

1 Timothy 4:11-5:2

One of the 'hot-button topics' of our day is prejudice, which does not mean hatred or disdain, but rather judging beforehand; reaching a conclusion before you even know the person. This usually centers on ethnicity or gender. Often present but less acknowledged are age related issues; i.e., that we judge someone to be less capable of taking responsibility, due to youth or old age.

Matt. 7:1-2

In today's passage, Paul tells the church not to disrespect their young pastor, and tells the young pastor not to be disrespectful to the older members. In other words, age motivated prejudice is a not a new problem!

List the instructions Paul gives to Timothy:

Command _____

Don't let anyone _____

Set an example _____

Devote yourself _____

Do not neglect _____

Be diligent _____

Watch your _____

Persevere _____

Exhort _____

Treat _____

These are specific from one pastor to another, but mark the ones you should put into practice in your own life, and write a prayer of consecration, asking the Holy Spirit to bring that to fruition.