

## Let's Talk: Day 71

Today's Reading: 1 Timothy 1 / Family Focus: verses 12-20

Use a dictionary or online resource to look up the word testimony. Paul gives his testimony in 1 Timothy. Parents, share your testimony with your child/ren. If your child has a testimony let them share also.

Questions:

1. What does Paul say he used to be?
2. Who does Paul give authority to tell others about Jesus?
3. God forgives us of all our sins and makes us new in Him. What are some ways that God is speaking to you and wants you to change?
4. Do you know of anyone else, maybe in your friendships or in history, who made a major change from hating Christians or denying Jesus to being a loud follower of Jesus? (some ideas: CS Lewis, Blaise Pascal, John Bunyan, Taysir Abu Saada, Billy Today, Charles W. Colson)

## Let's Talk: Day 72

Today's Reading: 1 Timothy 2 / Family Focus: verses 1-8

Today's verses talk about prayer; what we should pray for and how to pray. Spend a few minutes praying as a family. Is your prayer similar or different from the example Paul gives?

Questions:

1. What does Paul pray for?
2. Who is the mediator between God and man?
3. When/where does Paul say you should pray? In the last week, name all the places and times of day that you remember praying.
4. Verse four tells us God "desires" for all to know Him. Since He is God and can do anything, why doesn't He just make us all accept Him or give us a big sign explaining who He is?

## Let's Talk: Day 73

Today's Reading: 1 Timothy 3 / Family Focus: verses 1-13

See if you and your family can name the deacons, pastors, and board members of your church. Refer to your church website for help. These people have a big responsibility to God, their family, and church.

Questions:

1. What are some of the qualities of a bishop or deacon?
2. Which one do you think would be hardest to live out? Why?
3. Why is it important for a bishop or deacon to have these qualities? What do they do for the church?
4. What qualities do the wives and children have to have? What should it matter how they act if they aren't the actual deacons or bishops?

## Let's Talk: Day 74

Today's Reading: 1 Timothy 4 / Family Focus: all verses

Being young doesn't need to stop you from changing the world. Timothy was young to be a pastor but Paul told him to lead by example and not worry about it. Check out this website of other young people who changed the world: <http://www.kidsareheroes.org/index.html>

Questions:

1. What does God say we shouldn't listen to? (verse 7)
2. What is godliness profitable for?
3. God tells us that it doesn't matter how old we are because we can be an example. How can you change the world by your example?
4. What "gift" (special talent or ability) do you have that you can share with those around you?

## Let's Talk: Day 75

Today's Reading: 1 Timothy 5 / Family Focus: verses 17-22

Elders in the church need to be spiritually mature, not necessarily older physically, though wisdom often comes with age. Is there a grandma or

grandpa character in your life or church that you admire? What about them makes them special to you? Is there a young “elder” in the church that is special to you? Why?

Questions:

1. What is the laborer worthy of?
2. What should we have no part in?
3. When can you receive an accusation against an elder? Why not before?
4. Have you ever had a time when you confronted someone who was doing something wrong [sinning]? How did it go?
5. God says we shouldn't prefer one person over another. Have you ever experienced not being treated fairly? Explain. Why does God want us to do our best to be fair with all?

### **Let's Talk: Day 76**

Today's Reading: Ezekiel 18 / Family Focus: verses 21-32

Today's passage was referenced on Day 73 in 1 Timothy 2. Talk with your child about a time when something happened to them that they felt was unfair. Why did they feel this way?

Questions:

1. What two groups of people are being discussed in this passage?
2. What does the Lord not have pleasure in?
3. God is more pleased with someone who may have sinned much of his life and then turned and followed God, than someone else who mostly did right but then at the end of his life turned away from God. Why would that be?
4. Do you think God could do anything that is unfair? Why? How can God be both loving and just?

### **Let's Talk: Day 77**

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did God give us a spirit of?

Throughout this week we have heard Paul encourage young Timothy to be a bold leader, and how to get the right help to support him. Deacons and board members help the church significantly. As a family, write a card or decide to do something to appreciate one of the deacons or board members.