

I. What you preach, you must also live

- A. It is not enough to teach the right things
- B. "Set the believers an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, purity"
(Colossians 3:8; Exodus 20:7; Philippians 2:14; James 4:11; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Timothy 1:5; Colossians 3:1-4)
- C. "Practice these things, immerse yourselves in them, so that all may see your progress"
- D. "Keep a close watch on yourself"
- E. "Persist ... for by so doing you will save ... yourself"

II. What you live, you must also preach

- A. "Command and teach these things"
- B. "Let no one despise you for your youth" (Romans 2:4; 1 Timothy 6:2)
- C. "Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching" (see *Westminster Confession* 14:2)
- D. "Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers," (16)

<i>What you keep a close watch on</i>	<i>Whom you save</i>
yourself	yourself
the teaching	those who hear your teaching
yourself <i>and</i> your teaching	yourself <i>and</i> those who hear you

III. How Not to be an Idiot

- A. The kind of people we must be
- B. When you have a leadership role, command and teach
- C. When you don't, answer questions (1 Peter 3:1,15; 1 Timothy 4:6)
- D. Share your life with others
- E. Train by serving (James 1:27)
- F. The pattern (2 Corinthians 12:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:8)