

PATTERNS FOR LIVING

1. Text: I Timothy 4:12-16
2. In verse 12 Paul calls on Timothy to be an example or model or pattern for his fellow believers.
3. The word for example is tupos in Greek and in the following passages we see clearly how we are to live and model our lives. There are three areas where this idea is found:

I. **Set The Pattern For The World To See.**

1. We owe our world a good example, or model to follow.
2. Text: I Timothy 4:12 Be an example in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith, purity.
3. Titus 2:7 In all things showing yourself to be pattern of good works.

4. I Timothy 1:16 Paul says he became a pattern for others who would believe.

5. Philippians 3:17 Join in following my example; you have us as a pattern.

6. I Peter 5:3 Pastors are to be examples to the flock.

7. I Thessalonians 1:7 You became examples for all of Macedonia and Achaia.

8. People are watching. Awareness. Influence. Negative impact.

II. **Stand For The Pattern Of Truth.**

1. II Timothy 1:13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you heard from me.

2. Romans 6:17 You obeyed from the heart that pattern of doctrine.

3. Hebrews 8:5 See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain. (Exodus 25:40; Acts 7:44)

4. "Pattern theology" criticism
5. Alternatives: suggestions, principles but not pattern, relative to individuals or groups.

III. **Shun The Pattern Of Evil.**

1. I Corinthians 10:6 These (evil examples of Old Testament) became our examples (to avoid). No idolatry, sexual immorality, complaining. Verse 10: all these happened to them as examples, written for our admonition.

2. Romans 12:2 Don't be conformed (form or model or pattern) to the world, but be transformed.

3. I Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not conforming to your former desires, but you be holy as He is holy. (verses 15-16)

4. The evil world wants to mold us into its form, follow its pattern. But we must resist earnestly.
5. In but not of the world.

Conclusion:

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