

**1) Show yourself to be exemplary. (11-12)**

When you were younger what frustrated you most about those a generation older than you?

What did you want most? How did you try to get it? How did that work out for you?

Did you want to command the attention of others? If so, share a story about how you tried to get attention.

Did you want to influence the opinions of others, especially those in authority over you? If so, share a story about how you tried to influence others? Did it involve whining, complaining, criticizing, or rebelling? How did that work out for you?

**2) Devote yourself to a higher authority. (13)**

What role did the scripture play in your life when you were younger?

Did you read it?

When did you start to exhort others with it?

When did you start to teach it?

What role does the scripture play in your life now?

Have you ever seen a family, church, or nation begin to loosen its devotion to ALL that scripture teaches? Explain.

What would happen to the next generation if parents and pastors stopped teaching, exhorting, and reading the scripture publicly?

How does reminding yourself you're just the messenger infuse courage to faithfully deliver the message?

**3) Immerse yourself in persistent ministry. (14-15)**

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. Spiritual gifts generally fall into one of two categories. Speaking and serving. Which category would you say you are most gifted in?

More specifically, what are your spiritual gifts?

Have you ever neglected to use your gifts because you were hurt, tired, or drained? Are you in that state now? What should you do in response to the exhortation to "not neglect the gift that is in you"?

**4) Watch yourself with the family. (16-5:3)**

How easy is it for you to drift spiritually? What kind of resistance knocks you off course?

Who would you identify as your spiritual fathers (older men)? Are you encouraging them?

Who would you identify as your spiritual mothers (older women)? Are you honoring them?

Who would you identify as your spiritual sisters (younger women)? Are you protecting them?

Who would you identify as your spiritual brothers (younger men)? Are you challenging them?



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**Five Words for Next Generation Godliness**

1. **Speech (Psalm 18:21, Proverb 17:28)** Do your words most often speak life or death to those who listen to you?
2. **Conduct (Proverbs 14:16)** What would you say to the 17 year-old “YOU” about your conduct if you could?
3. **Love (1Peter 4:8)** Discuss this statement: “The opposite of love is selfishness.”
4. **Faith (Proverbs 3:5)** Has it been harder to trust God as an adult or as a young person? Why?
5. **Purity (Proverbs 6:27–29)** To what degree does sexual purity pay long-term benefits in marriage? Has sexual impurity as a young person had lingering consequences in your life and marriage?