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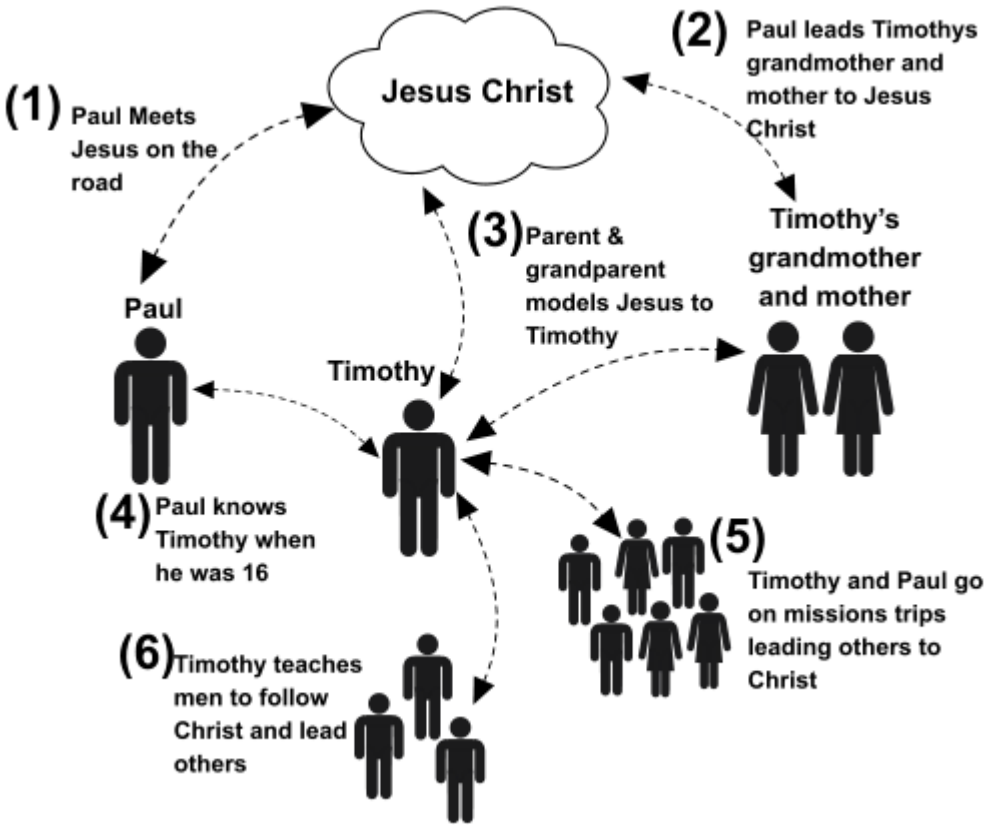
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Who are we influencing and pointing to Jesus Christ?

We might not think about it but what is the real difference between young Timothy and ourselves. In both cases we share more in common as believers than one would could imagine. Were we called to complete the great commission together? Were we equipped to fulfilling that calling? Do we know people in our circle (family, friends, work associates, neighbors, strangers, and enemies that we are called on to point them to Jesus Christ?

Look at the diagram below and see the impact that the gospel had on Paul, the grandmother and mother of Timothy, on Timothy himself and finally on those that were reached through mission trips and evangelistic out reaches of Timothy himself.



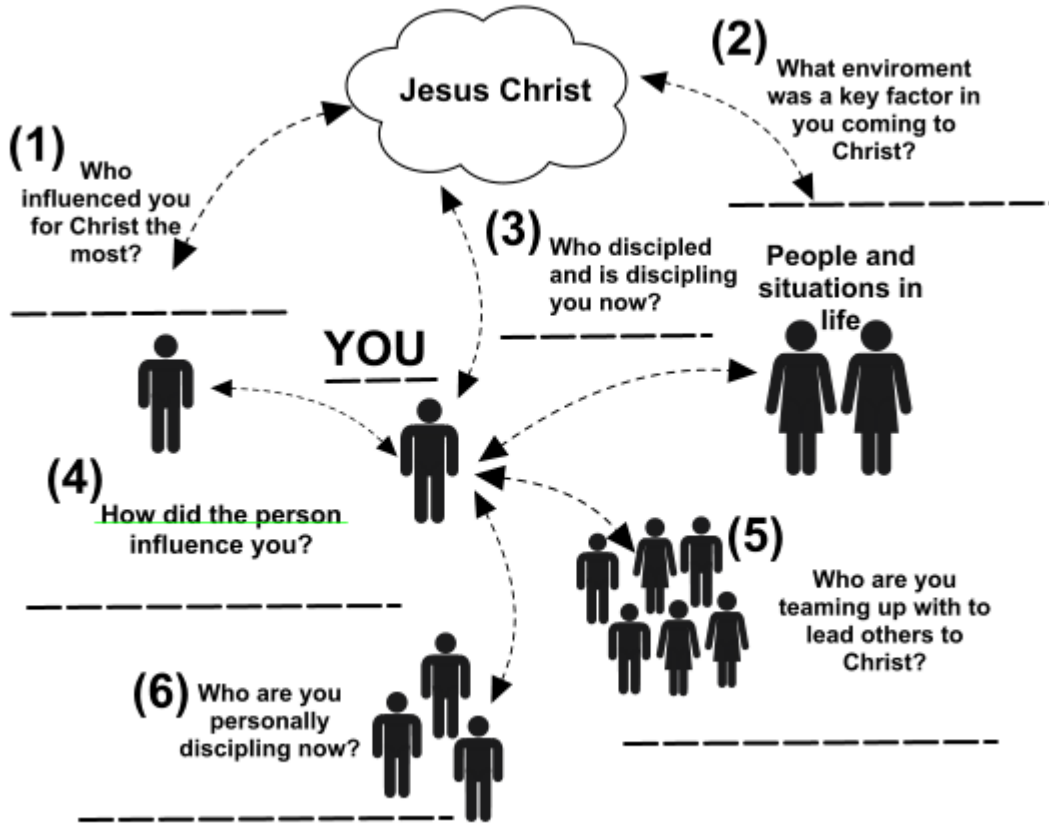
Consider the letters that Paul wrote to Timothy as letters of instruction and encouragement that Paul is personally writing to us. Think about and answer the questions in the second column as they related to ourselves.

Related to Timothy	Related to ourselves
Who called Timothy into service for Jesus Christ?	Who called me into service for Jesus Christ?
What was Timothy's spiritual gift?	What is my spiritual gift?
Who were the ones Timothy was responsible for?	Who has God given me to be responsible for?
What was Timothy's ministry	What is my ministry?
What was one thing Timothy was instructed not to spend so much time with?	What is one thing that I am spending too much time doing?
What was Timothy struggling with relating to ministry work?	What are we struggling with related to ministering to others?

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Who are we influencing and pointing to Jesus Christ?

Take the opportunity to fill in the “tree” of your path of being influenced for Christ and how you are influencing others for Him. Refer to the diagram above for to see the path of Timothy.



Make a list... and check it twice. List out those you routinely in contact with

My Family	My Friends	Work and neighbors	Stranger & Enemies

For each one of the people you have written down, consider spending a day praying and asking God how you can use the spiritual gift He has given you to help minister life and healing into them. Each one of us has an abundant amount of talents and abilities that can be used to show others the love of Jesus to their hearts. We are commanded to take up the challenge to do so... so roll up your sleeves and get on your knees and begin to work out practical ways of loving others and pointing them to Jesus Christ.

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Qualifications for Elders and Deacons

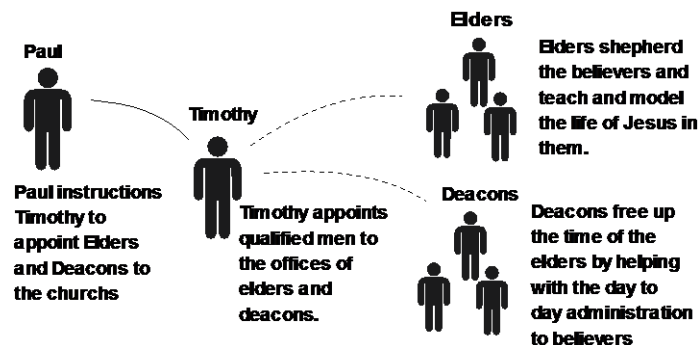
Passages related to qualifications for an Elder.

1Ti 3:2-7 A bishop then must be **blameless**, the **husband of one wife**, **temperate**, **sober-minded**, of **good behavior**, **hospitable**, **able to teach**, **not given to wine**, **not violent**, **not greedy** for money, but **gentle**, **not quarrelsome**, **not covetous**; one who **rules his own house well**, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); **not a novice**, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a **good testimony among those who are outside**, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Tit 1:6-9 if a man is **blameless**, the **husband of one wife**, **having faithful children** not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a **steward of God**, **not self-willed**, **not quick-tempered**, **not given to wine**, **not violent**, **not greedy for money**, but **hospitable**, a **lover of what is good**, **sober-minded**, **just**, **holy**, **self-controlled**, **holding fast the faithful word** as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to **exhort and convict those who contradict**.

Take a moment to reflect on each of the qualifications for an elder or deacon. If your married, ask your spouse (husband or wife) to evaluate yourself against each qualification. Would your spouse (husband or wife) agree that you could be chosen as an elder based on these qualifications. Do the same for the office of a deacon on the next page.

Elder	Choose another synonym	Do you qualify? (yes/no) Why?
blameless		
the husband of one wife		
temperate		
sober-minded		
of good behavior		
hospitable		
able to teach		
not given to wine		
not violent		
not greedy for money		
gentle		
not quarrelsome		
not covetous		
not a novice		
good testimony by others		



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Passages related to qualifications for a Deacon.

1Ti 3:8-12 Likewise deacons **must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money**, holding the mystery of the **faith with a pure conscience**. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, **their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things**. Let deacons be the **husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well**.

Deacon	Choose another synonym	Do you qualify? (yes/no) Why?
reverent		
not doubled tongued		
not greedy for money		
have a pure conscience		
wives must be reverent		
wives must not slander		
wives must be temperate		
wives must be faithful		
husband of one wife		
rule their own house well		

The original situation and the solution for appointing deacons in the early church:

Act 6:1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

Act 6:2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

Act 6:3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

Act 6:4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Act 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

Act 6:6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

Act 6:7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The need:

- An issue related to the widows not receiving food and support.
- The apostles were looked at to solve this and other issues related to support of the believers
- Apostles see that their time is better spent praying and preaching
- Apostles decide to choose 7 men to carry out the physical needs of the believers

The qualifications:

- men of good reputation
- full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom

The choice:

- Stephen and 6 others
- Stephen – Acts 6:5 “a man **full of faith and the Holy Spirit**”
- Act 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, **did great wonders and signs among the people**.
- Act 6:10 And they were not able to resist the **wisdom** and the **Spirit** by which he(Stephen) spoke.