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### **#TargetPractice: How did Paul encourage Timothy?**

Paul wrote letters to Timothy to encourage him in sharing with others about Jesus. There were a lot of people who thought Timothy was too young to instruct others. But Paul wrote:

*12 You are young, but do not let anyone treat you as if you were not important. Be an example to show the believers how they should live. Show them with your words, with the way you live, with your love, with your faith, and with your pure life. 13 Continue to read the Scriptures to the people, strengthen them, and teach them. Do these things until I come. 14 Remember to use the gift that you have. That gift was given to you through a prophecy when the group of elders laid their hands on[b] you. 15 Continue to do those things. Give your life to doing them. Then everyone can see that your work is progressing. 16 Be careful in your life and in your teaching. Continue to live and teach rightly. Then you will save yourself and those people who listen to you. 1 Timothy 4:12-16 (ICB)*

You may think, I'm just a kid. No one would listen to me sharing about Jesus. But is that true? How old do you have to be to begin sharing with others about Jesus?

Can you share Jesus' love without saying anything? Yes! In fact, the people around us watch us, even if they don't realize it. They notice when we do something that doesn't seem normal, like showing kindness to a bully. Or offering to help clean up a mess that you didn't make. Or telling the truth even if it might mean getting in trouble.

What could be some other things followers of Jesus might do that don't seem "normal" to someone else?

Others see even the little things we do. When we do what Jesus would do, we are showing Jesus to others. It might just cause them to ask why we do those things and we can then share with them about Jesus and His love for them.