



Be an Example

Like the people in Paul's, Timothy's, and Titus' time, we will meet people who want us to believe things that go *against* what God's Word says. Paul reminded Timothy to be careful of wrong teaching. He also taught that believers should live out their faith. As believers, our words, actions, and attitudes matter. When people know we follow Jesus, they watch how we live. Do our actions match our words? How do we treat others? Will we always get it right? No—but we should do our best to be examples of Jesus. Here are some areas where we are called to be examples to both believers and unbelievers.

THOUGHTS

Even though people can't see or know our thoughts, Philippians 4:8 teaches us to think about things that are **true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and commendable** (praiseworthy). **Why is this important?** The things we think about often show up in our words, actions, and attitudes. For example, when we think about how much we don't want to do something, it can lead to complaining about it (words), doing it poorly (actions), and having a bad attitude while doing it.

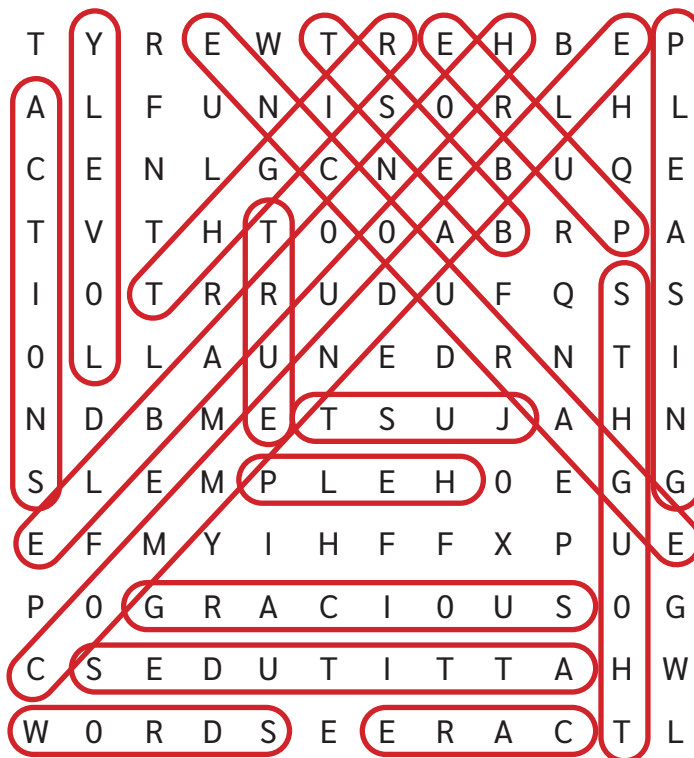
WORDS

Colossians 4:6 says our speech (the words we say) should be **gracious** (kind, polite, and caring). For example, we should say words like *please* and *thank you*. First Thessalonians 5:11 reminds us to **encourage** other people with our words instead of tearing them down. When someone is having a bad day, you can use kind words to help cheer up that person. Psalm 19:14 teaches that the words we speak should be **pleasing** to God. Be a good example in the words you say and how you say them to your parents and other people who are in charge of you.

ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES

Philippians 2:14–15 teaches us to do everything without complaining or arguing. Every person has to do things he or she doesn't want to do. When we do those things with a **right** attitude, we show that we **care** about others and want to **help**. Colossians 3:17 teaches us to do everything as if we are doing it for God. A right attitude means doing your **best**, even when no one is watching.

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Timothy was young, but Paul reminded him that his age didn't stop him from being a good example. True faith is shown in how we live and how we treat others. Be a good example!

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