
BOOK



> 1 Timothy 4:12 <

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

Have you ever heard the saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover"? Yeah, it's not true. Think about it, you can and do judge books by their covers all of the time! It's just like people are judged often by what they say and how they act. The deal is that the cover is a part of the book, but it's not the only part.

Our lives are like books. We have our covers--what comes across about us on the outside. We also have the pages--the content of our lives. Our stories are on the inside and the things we do that no one else sees or knows about. Both are important.

So, what do people read about your life based on your cover? Do your outside actions, your speech and life give a good glimpse of the story that's happening on the inside? The content is also just as important! Have you ever picked up a book because the cover looked so awesome and once you got into the actual story you were really disappointed? When people see you talk and act like Christ-followers on the outside but then, when they get closer and start to read the pages of your life, find something all together different, it's terribly disappointing. It can also make them shy away from others whose covers look similar. Let your life be such that people are not only attracted to Jesus, but when they dig deeply into your pages, they see a story that's better than they could have ever imagined!

Go and Do

Today take each of the ways we are supposed to be an example Speech, Conduct, Love, Faith and Purity and use them to examine your life. Ask yourself, "do I live in such a way in each of these categories so that my 'pages' reflect the cover that people see?" Take a piece of paper and make five columns, one of the words at the top of each. Then write, under each, how you are an example to others in you faith. Then below those, write those pieces of each category that you need continue to work on. Work on making your life's book one that everyone wants to read!
