

# Sharing Principles of Youth Ministry Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

A. If one is going to follow the New Testament, discipleship is not an option.

B. Text: I Thessalonians 1.

C. It is unclear how long Paul stayed in Thessalonica, but he had a tremendous impact. (Acts 17)

## II. One has to learn to share the message of Christ in the power of the Spirit if he is going to have a ministry.

A. Paul shared with God-fearing Jews and Gentiles. We have to have a balanced ministry with regard to the world and the church.

B. Those that have the greatest impact come in personal weakness and divine power. When a person realizes his own inadequacy, God will change hearts. (I Corinthians 2:1-5, 3:6-7, 1:26, II Corinthians 12:9)

## III. One needs to have a high quality of life. (I Timothy 4:12)

A. One needs to memorize Scripture.

B. In everything, a person is to be a pattern for others. (Titus 2:7-8, Hebrews 13:7)

C. One needs to be a model with his family. (I Timothy 2)

D. We have to work at being an example. (I Peter 4:1, II Thessalonians 3:7-9)

## IV. One needs to share his life.

A. This does not mean that people should reproduce themselves—one should lead a person in order to make them followers of Christ. (I Corinthians 11:1, 4:15-17)

B. All throughout the Scriptures Paul was comfortable in exhorting others to follow him. He felt comfortable sending others because he trained them well. (Philippians 4:9, II Thessalonians 3:7-9, I Thessalonians 1)

C. When you begin to share your life, people will respond.

## Application questions:

1. Why is weakness an advantage with regard to sharing the gospel?

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2. What does it mean to be a pattern for others?

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3. What can you do this week to improve your own pattern in a practical and provable way? Explain.

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