

THE TEMPTAION OF THE CRYSTAL BALL
I Timothy 4:11-14

Three Readers: T/M- The Textmaster F/1- The mother
M/1- Her son, Andrew

F-1 Hello, my name is _____ and today I will be reading the part of mother who has an 11-year-old son named Andrew.

M-1 Hello, my name is _____ and today I will be reading the part of Andrew, her son.

T/M: Hello, my name is _____ and I will be serving as your Textmaster of the morning. Our Living Word passage of the day is taken I Timothy 4, verses 11 through 14...

These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers...

F-1: Andrew, when you get home from school this afternoon I want you to give me about 20 minutes.

M-1: Sure, Mom. What for?

F-1: Andrew, I'm going to start preparing you to drive.

M-1: Drive? Cool! ... Uh, but Mom, I'm only 11.

F-1: I think I know that. After all, have you forgotten that I was there when you were born? I think I know how old you are.

M-1: Yeah, but learning how to drive? I mean, I'm all ready and everything but I didn't think you'd actually start to let me do that until I was like 16 or so!

F-1: Andrew, I didn't say you were going to *start to drive*. I said I was going to start *preparing you to drive*.

T/M: *Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

F-1: We're actually not going to unleash you out on the road until it's legal for you to do it. But, until then I am going to work hard to make you the best driver on the road when the day comes to give you the keys.

M-1: So, I'm actually not going to get to drive?

F-1: Not right now. But when it's time I want to be absolutely confident that you are as prepared as you can be and I'm not going to wait to do this in a panic mode when the law says you can start. I'm not going to suffer through sleepless nights when it's actually your turn to be part of the grown-up world that way.

M-1: I have a feeling this isn't going to be much fun...

F-1: Really? Are you sure?

M-1: What do you mean?

F-1: Some of it may not be. Some of it may actually be work, but I actually have established some connections with people so we can start to get you aware of the process and the consequences of good driving choices and bad ones.

T/M: *Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 'Til I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.*

F-1: Andrew, over the next few years you're going to drive go-carts, experience simulators, do ride-a-longs with emergency responders... I'm going to have you get as much life experience as it's safe and legal for you to have so that the day will come when I can easily know that you are really ready to take the wheel. I'm not going to come up to your 16th birthday without having made that investment...

T/M: *Let no man despise thy youth... Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy...*

May the Spirit teach us all what this, His Word, means for us today.